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GREEKS & ITALIANS FIGHTING BATTLE IN MARSHES

Special to the "Telegraph"

WITH THE GREEK ADVANCE FORCES IN THE EPIRUS SECTOR, DEC. 3 (UP).—GREEK INFANTRY AND ITALIANS ARE FIGHTING A PITCHED BATTLE IN THE MARSHES, THE GREEKS HAVING LEFT A ROAD IN THE FOOTHILLS FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK AT DAWN THROUGH THE MORASSES WHICH THE ITALIANS CONSIDERED IMPASSABLE.

Both sides are fighting in deep slime where no help is possible for the wounded who are smothered deep in the mud.

SEVEN-MILE ADVANCE BY GREEKS

Special to the "Telegraph"

STRUGA, Dec. 3 (UP).—Greek forces in the Konispolis sector yesterday advanced seven miles to the village of Markati which they occupied, according to reports from the frontier. In the Hereska sector the Greeks last night advanced six and a half miles along the River Osun and reached the Radomi Mountains.

R.A.F. Attacks Naples

Oil Refineries Set On Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 3 (UP).—R.A.F. headquarters to-day announced that long-range bombers, while attacking Naples last night, started "large fires" in the oil refineries which were visible for 25 miles.

They also caused fires and explosions and fires on the main railway lines.

Railway Hit

CAIRO, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—A well placed stick of bombs straddled oil refineries and started a large fire which was visible 20 miles away, when the R.A.F. raided Naples on Monday night, says an R.A.F. communiqué.

Hits were registered on a railway main line. Other fires and explosions were seen.

Augusta in Sicily was successfully raided. Large flames and loud explosions followed the dropping of bombs.

The communiqué states that all British aircraft returned safely.

East Africa

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Fort Ad Ugl in Italian East Africa, was raided by the R.A.F. yesterday and considerable damage was done to a motor transport and Italian personnel.

Zala was also attacked.

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HONGKONG TO BUILD 11 SHIPS

Eleven ships, totalling over 100,000 tons, have been ordered for construction in Hongkong, and five keels have already been laid down.

The work is being shared by the Talkoo Dockyard and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

Each vessel is of 9,200 tons dead-weight, and it is expected that they will be used as cargo ships.

Happier Future For Chinese Money Seen

—More Confidence

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Expert financial circles are of the opinion that Mr. T. V. Soong's success in obtaining the co-operation of the Treasury Department will counter-act the bearishness and lack of confidence in Chinese currency which is said to widely prevail in Shanghai and other ports recently.

They are of the opinion that lack of confidence is among the chief factors depressing the yuan this year notwithstanding that the military situation has actually improved for China.

Speculation in Shanghai has virtually been unlimited since the Chinese Government lacked even the normal means, which most Govern-

ments have, to restrict the sales of currency and considerably control its movements.

Another factor is the Japanese purchases of Chinese currency elsewhere and the dumping of it into ports, such as Shanghai, to obtain foreign exchange.

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Vichy Blames Thailand Border Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Dec. 3 (Domel).—Placing the blame for the recent border dispute between French Indo-China and Thailand at the door of Thailand, the Vichy Government to-day issued a communiqué saying that the reports that Thai forces have occupied several Indo-China villages near Aranha and Paradenack, while several French planes bombing Thai territory were shot down by Thai anti-aircraft guns, "do not correspond to facts."

The communiqué pointed out that Thakhek and Savannakhet, two towns in French Indo-China, were bombed by Thai aircraft four times on November 27 and 28 and December 1 and 2.

"French authorities are taking effective measures to maintain order in the frontier area," the communiqué added.

Kunming French

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
KUNMING, Dec. 3 (UP).—Some French nationals in Yunnan province have been drafted to fight in Indo-China and are leaving soon.

Credits For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Further steps in the China credit situation are at present in the hands of the Treasury Department and the Export and Import Bank, Mr. Cordell Hull said at to-day's press conference.

He said that he had had sufficient discussions with Mr. T. V. Soong and does not expect to confer with him again at present.

In the Moshopolis sector the Greeks during the past 24 hours have advanced six miles to the north-west and occupied the village of Djinikas on the Susica River which is a tributary of the Devoli River.

Artillery has been very active on both sides.

Another Greek column from Moshopolis is reported to have crossed the Kelezoni River to the south-west early this morning aiming at reaching the mountain peaks.

An Italian attack from the village of Vireja has been repulsed, the frontier reports state.

Greek Progress

OCHRIDA, Dec. 3 (UP).—Greek forces on the west shore of Lake Ochrid made a slight advance northwards from Mumlusta to Udunista. Strong artillery fire is audible from the south-west, presumably from the Moshopolis front.

Santi Quaranta Threat

ATHENS, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Mussolini is likely to lose shortly the base of Santi Quaranta following the Greek advance northward and eastward. The Greeks are smashing their way further into Albania despite snowstorms and snow-drifts.

They have captured the 7,000 ft. peak of Politani where the Italians have been strongly fortified, and the Italians have retired from villages and heights north-east of Premeti.

Working Among Bombs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—A town in the Midlands which has been subjected to "bombs" air raids twice previously was again showered with incendiary bombs to-day.

High explosive bombs followed the starting of general fires and firemen fought the blazes amid falling bombs until the conflagration had diminished.

Greek Pursuit

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The Greeks are following up their successes in the Pogradetz sector. Despite the deep snow they are hard on the heels of the Italians whose camps are often found abandoned with half finished meals on the tables.

Italian prisoners report sickness among their ranks in addition to the cold and misery caused by the snow to which many are unaccustomed.

The retreating army leaves the roads mined but the Greeks are equally at home on mountain paths skirting the danger.

The Italian dead now total a considerable figure requiring special Greek squads to bury them.

Shanghai Police

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4 (UP).—Municipal Police heads have reached a tentative agreement with the Greater Shanghai Police Chief providing for joint policing of the Western area. The agreement awaits the approval of Mayor Cheng Kung-po.

Japanese Planes Brought Down

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KUNMING, Dec. 3 (UP).—Two Japanese planes, one down on Loldan Mountain near Kokin.

The town of Tsunien, 19 miles from Mongze, was bombed at 11.30 a.m. to-day by six Japanese planes. Scores of Chinese and Annamese, and two Frenchmen were killed.



FEARLESSLY WATCH RAID

Deep in a trench, which was their nearest shelter to hand, these young English boys and girls fearlessly and intently watch an aerial combat overhead between British fighters and German raiders. Hitler and Goering have tried their utmost to frighten British women and children into panic and defeat, but have failed miserably, as this magnificent photographic study reveals.

Grounded H.K. Ship Refloated: Japanese Vessel Goes To Rescue

The Panama steamer Hellenic Trader, which went aground in an exposed position in Hainan Straits at 8 p.m. yesterday, was re-floated at 2 o'clock this morning, according to a wireless message received in Hongkong by the agents Messrs. Mollers Ltd.

Intimation of the vessel's plight was first received in a "United Press" message from Manila, stating that an S.O.S. had been received from the vessel saying she was stranded and breaking up and required assistance.

The tug Henry Keswick was due to leave Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, but according to the message received by the local agents the ship was re-floated before the tug sailed.

It is understood that the Japanese ship Taikyū Maru has answered the Hellenic Trader's distress call and is now

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NO MAJOR FIGHTING Thai-Indo-China Border Quieter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 3 (UP).—There were no reports of major fighting to-day, and it is therefore hoped by the officials that M. Garreau's negotiations at Bangkok will be successful prior to the coming of the dry season which would act as an impetus to large scale hostilities.

On Sunday and Monday night, Thailanders machine-gunned Thakhet. A Thailand plane dropped pamphlets on the Mekong river villages and there was sporadic fighting reported in the border sector between Vientiane and the Gulf of Siam; however, these were mainly localized incidents.

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U. S. AND JAPAN

Major Crisis May Be Near

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—"A major crisis in relations between Japan and the United States may not be far away if the recent veiled threat by the 'Domel' news agency is to be taken at its face value," declares the "Washington Star" in an editorial to-day.

The paper said that "Domel" asserted that Japan and the Nanking regime may have to take drastic measures against the United States.

It added that Japan's recognition of Wang Ching-wei is little more than a "diplomatic joke," but pointed out that it has a "serious, perhaps ominous side."

LATEST

Another Greek Advance

ATHENS, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Greeks have made a new advance northeast of Argiro-Castron, capturing a village and the heights dominating Premeti—a small town of strategic importance in the central sector of the battle front, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

It is believed that the Italians will be forced to abandon the town without further fighting.

EXPRESSES COLLIDE 55 Killed

MADRID, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—

Fifty-five people were killed and over eighty were injured in a collision between an express train from Madrid and another from Barcelona to-day. The accident occurred near an isolated station, Velilla, where the lines crossed.

Rescue work was made difficult by the isolation of the district and the bitter cold. Some of the people injured died of exposure.

Rescue trains have taken the injured to Saragossa.

The cause of the accident is unknown.

Dominions May Supply Assistance To China

By FREDERICK KUH

"United Press" Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Lord Halifax and Mr. R.A. Butler to-day conferred with the Japanese and Chinese Ambassadors to London respectively.

It is understood that Mr. M. Shigemitsu called on Lord Halifax on his own initiative in order to attempt to explain the Nanking Treaty and to renew his assurances that Japan desires to avoid friction with Britain and the United States.

British sources expect the Nanking treaty to be followed by fresh threats to foreign interests in occupied Chinese areas, particularly in Shanghai and treaty ports.

The Japanese Ambassador's talk with Lord Halifax, however, appears to have failed to soothe Britain's anxiety on this score.

Britain has welcomed President Roosevelt's announcement of big and new financial aid to China and in his talk with Mr. Butler the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Cuo Tai-chi, may have emphasised the desirability of

Willing To Help

Britain is undoubtedly willing to grant increased support to China but the problem is admitted to be difficult since her own war requirements are now magnified by the necessity of aiding Greece, Egypt and Turkey.

These obstacles may be lessened by enlisting Dominion participation in helping China. It is believed that London has already exchanged views with the Dominions.

China Coast Officers Leave For Better Pay & Conditions

An unexampled position in China coast shipping caused by the many departures of deck officers and engineers from this Colony is causing uneasiness in official quarters, and the Government in London is understood to be at the back of inquiries now being prosecuted to ascertain the underlying reasons.

AMERICAN SHIPS FOR ENGLAND

Sales To Be Made

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—It is understood that the United States will soon release thousands of tons of merchant shipping for the purpose of assisting Britain to maintain her supply lines against sea raiders.

During the last 48 hours officials have completed plans for the release of all tonnage the nation is able to spare.

"We are making every effort to see the British get more tonnage," one high official said.

The Maritime Commission has approved the sale of four American owned vessels to Britain. This makes a total of 130 vessels sold to Britain since the war commenced.

Within the next few days the Commission proposes to offer for sale 15 units from a laid-up fleet of merchant ships.

Bulgaria's Will To Keep Peace

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The need for keeping Bulgaria out of the war was emphasized in the Bulgarian Parliament by the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, according to a Sofia dispatch published in Italy.

Mr. Popoff referred to the friendly relations with Rumania, the Soviet Union, Yugo-Slavia and Turkey and said that recent conversations between Hitler and King Boris proved the growing importance of Bulgaria and emphasized the friendly relations between Germany and Bulgaria.

"The air raid alarms both in Hongkong and Kowloon, were tested at 9.30 a.m. to-day."

Of a normal supply of about 850 European mercantile marine officers on the China coast about 150 have resigned from various big firms in the last eighteen months, leaving a shortage which has caused grave concern.

It is learned from an authoritative source that dissatisfaction at the inferior pay and service conditions pertaining on this coast in relation to pay and conditions elsewhere has long been felt, but at the outbreak of war the men voluntarily refrained from bringing their grievances to the front in a public manner.

Evacuation Inducement

However, many of them sought a remedy elsewhere by going to Australian, Indian and shipping companies elsewhere where conditions were better and men were needed. A strong inducement to many going to Australia was the fact that their families had been compulsorily evacuated there.

A number of the officers who departed joined the fighting services but the majority were attracted by the motives given above.

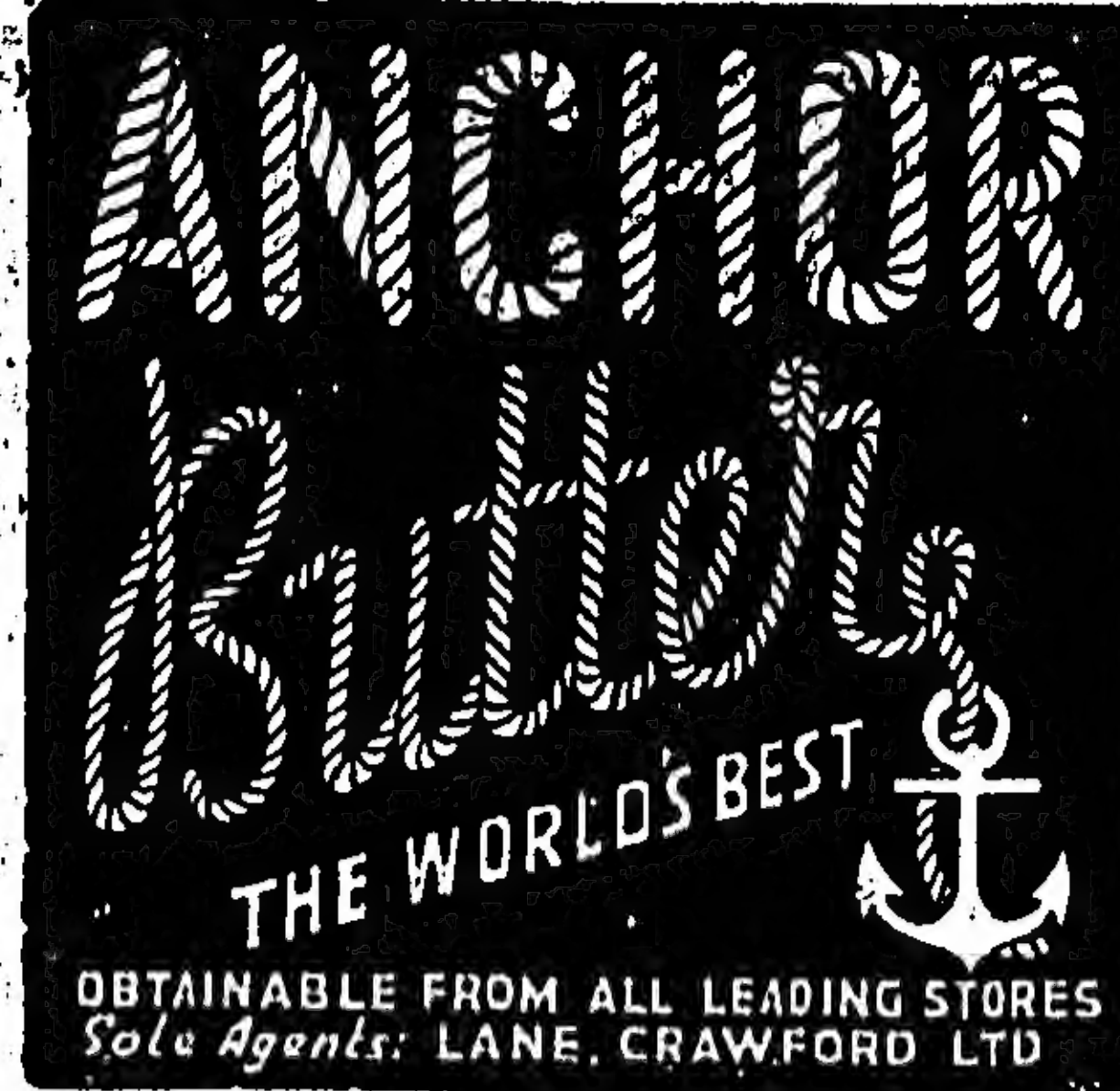
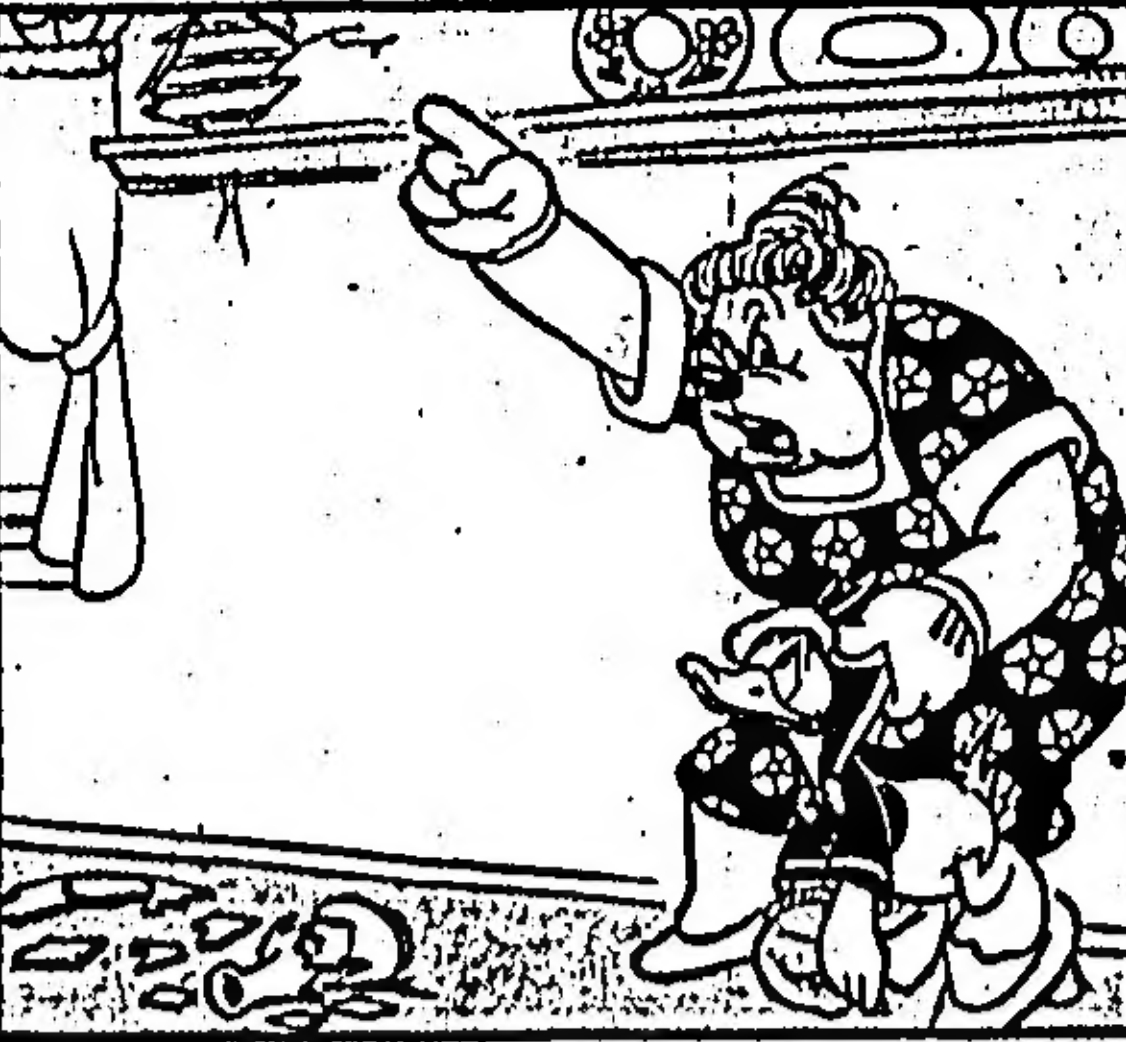
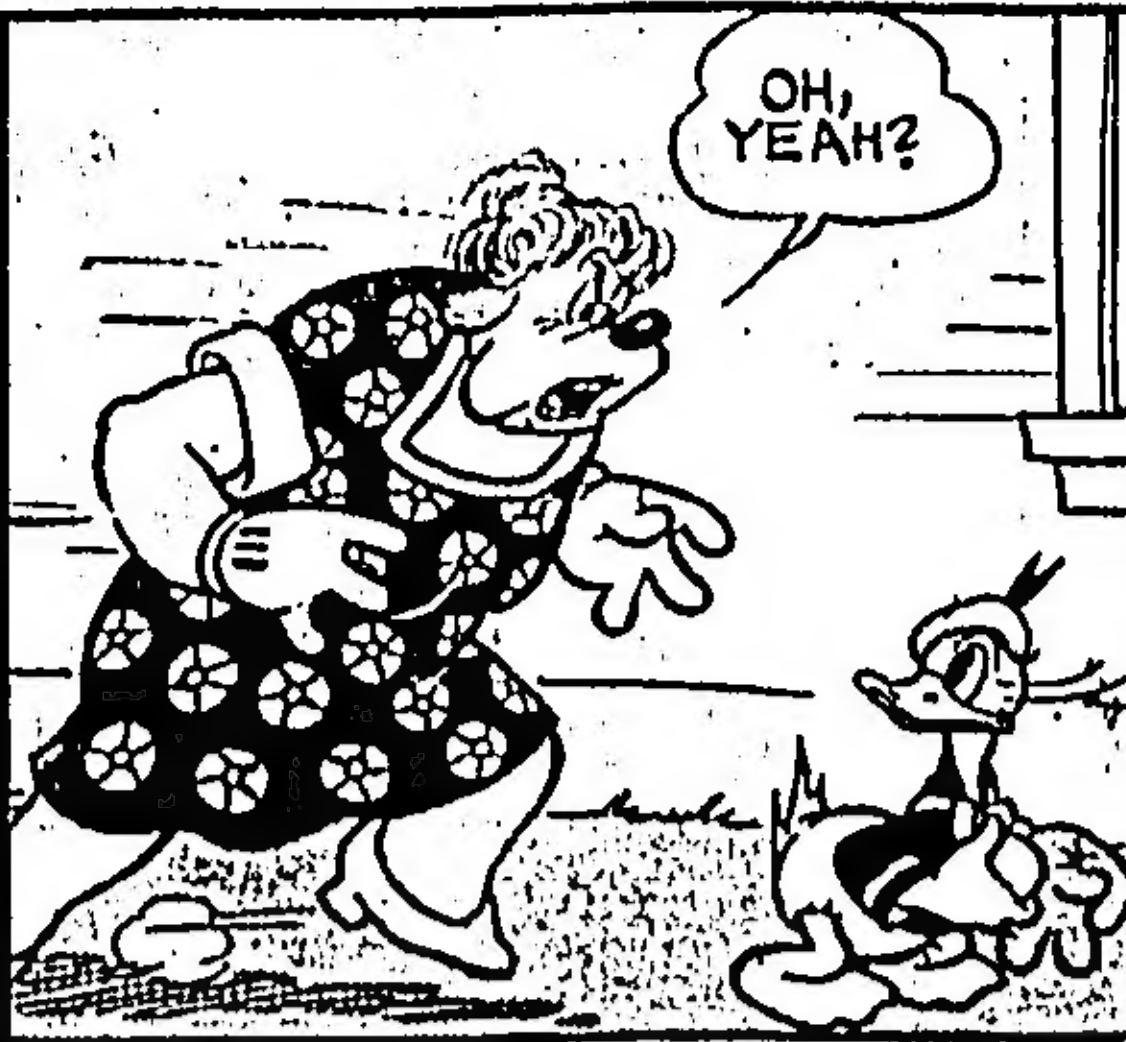
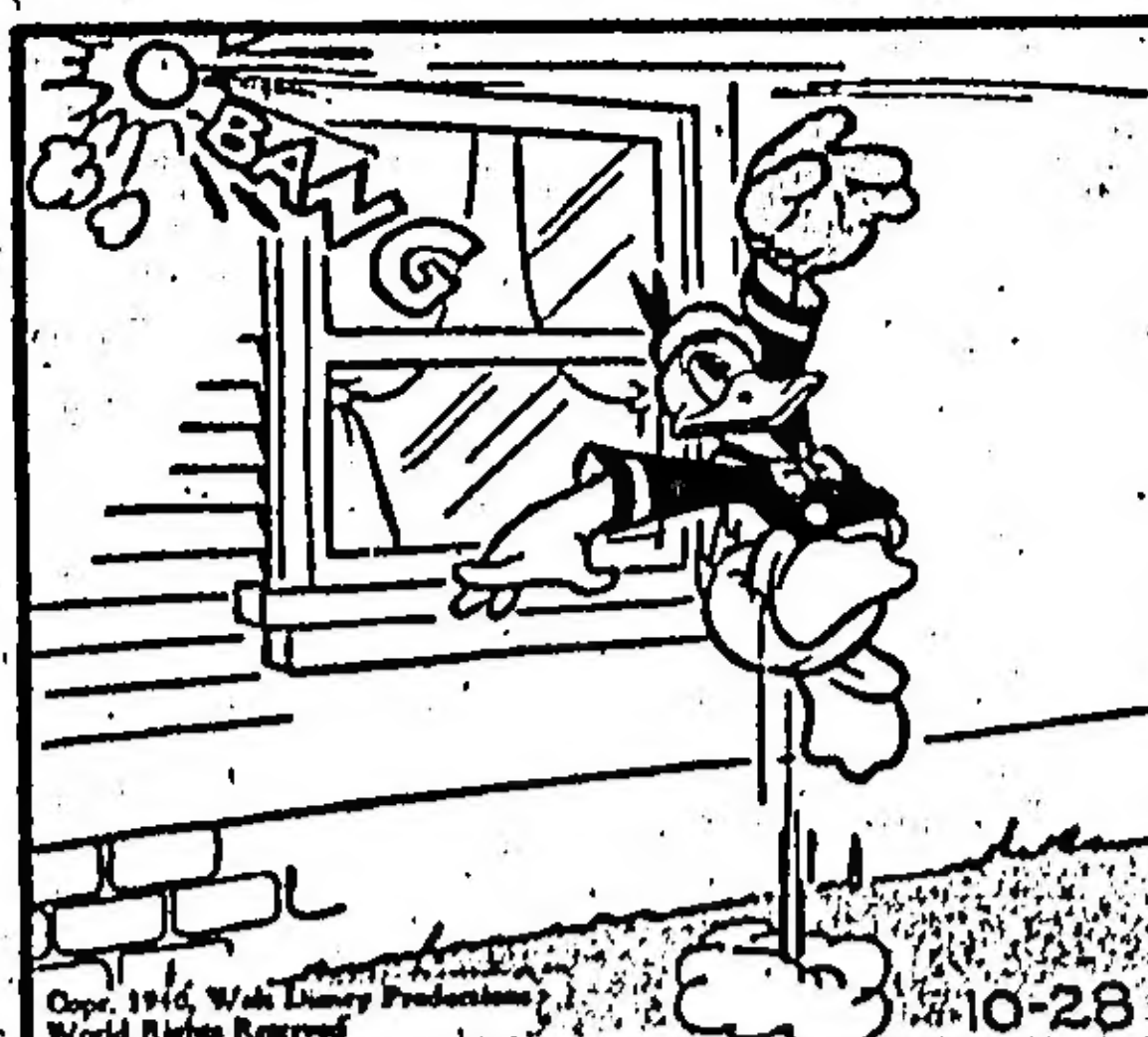
An interesting position will arise when the total requisitioning of British shipping in the Far East is completed—and the process is already well under way.

On Taking Over

When taking over a ship, the Government requires a statement on the previous year's working expenses and bases its own payments on these. If this policy is followed it would appear that wages with which the men are dissatisfied will still be in force. Conditions of service might or might not be improved as the exigencies of war will naturally influence them.

In some cases the Government has found that the companies have been paying their ships' officers a living allowance and this has been discontinued by Government on requisitioning but has been substantially replaced by the usual war bonus.

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

Tiger Standish, Ace of British Intelligence Agents Saves a Minister's Wife From Danger in

The RELUCTANT CAD

By Sidney Horler

SIR WILLIAM MALTBY PLUCKED AT THE LOOSE FLESH BENEATH HIS CHIN.

"I feel it is only right to tell you, Sir Lessington," he said, in an aggrieved tone, "that I can't possibly imagine that anything is really wrong with my wife. She lives a life of pure enjoyment, so far as I can tell, and, what is more, she has just returned from a holiday in Somerset. At her age—she is only 27—she ought to be in the very pink of condition."

The Secretary for National Security looked at the famous neurologist as though he expected an answer straight away.

Sir Lessington Cross was discreetly non-committal. "I shall have to see Lady Maltby before I can come to any opinion."

Sir William nodded with his tie. "As I daresay you may imagine," he continued self-importantly, "I am a pretty busy man these days; and, as I am already late for an important conference in Whitehall, you will have to excuse me."

With that, the plump, well-preserved man of sixty, who carried himself with an air of not unlikeable pomposity, shook hands and walked out into the hall where his butler was waiting with hat and coat. A couple of minutes later he was in his car, speeding through the Park.

The nerve specialist, now alone, smiled to himself at the profound lack of discernment in the human race, as exemplified by this politician. There were any of a dozen causes that might account for Lady Maltby's sudden nervous collapse, as described to him over the telephone at Wimpole Street that morning. But, because Maltby himself was a very fit man (although much too stout) and because he was so absorbed in the important Cabinet post he filled (not without many acrid questions being fired at him from members of all parties in the House), he resented being unable to understand why a wife, less than half his own age, should be ill.

Five minutes later, Cross was seated on a chair by the side of his patient. The bedroom showed that its owner was a woman possessing not only wealth but also artistic taste.

And the woman herself? Well, he admitted, she was undeniably attractive, even if her beauty now was marred by an expression of such intense anxiety that his professional interest had become immediately aroused.

After five minutes' questioning, during which she seemed to be putting him off with at least half-truths, he proceeded to the necessary examination. Finally, putting aside his stethoscope, he resumed his seat at the side of the bed.

"I am very glad to be able to tell you, Lady Maltby, that I can find nothing very wrong. In fact, your physical condition is quite satisfactory. I am afraid I cannot say the same about your nervous system, however; you appear to have sustained some rather severe shock quite recently. Am I right?"

"I have been very worried lately." The words came out so quickly that they were jumbled.

"Can you tell me what about? You see, it's a help to a doctor to know the underlying cause of a patient's complaint." Again she put him off with a half-truth.

"Oh, it's nothing very much . . . it's just London. I think . . . I feel . . . as though there are too many people about, as though they were all pressing round me . . . Is there any illness or complaint, doctor, which could account for that?"

Feeling one of the shrewdest readers of character amongst his profession, the neurologist pretended to take her question seriously.

"Oh, yes, I have a patient now, for instance, who is afraid to enter any crowded building; it's torture to him to go to the theatre—three times in one week he has made the effort and each time he has been seized by a kind of nervous panic and had to come out. He will get better, but these things take time, of course. And, with a smile of good-humoured reproach, "you are not nearly as bad as he is. Your husband tells me that you have just come back from a holiday in the country, Lady Maltby."

Innocent enough words in all truth, yet they brought a spasm of what Sir Lessington knew must be fear—start and dread—into the face of this new patient.

"Why did he tell you that? William is always interfering with my affairs, my comings and goings."

To soothe her, he caught hold of her hand. "You must not blame your husband, Lady Maltby; he is only too anxious, as I am of course, to see you get well. Before I came up here I had a brief talk with Sir Williams, who had waited for me, and he merely mentioned in passing that you had been away to Somerset. Now, the pressure on her hand increasing—"remember that a doctor is like a lawyer or a priest—whatever you tell him is sacred."

"Why should you say such a thing as that?" Instead of calming her, he had brought back that expression of dreadful fear into her eyes.

"The only reason I said it was because it is obvious to me, as a doctor, that your present high-nervous condition is due, not to any physical cause, not, in other words, to illness of any kind, but to some foolish obsession which you have . . . what makes you afraid, Lady Maltby?"

"I'm not afraid. Why should I be afraid?" He shook his head.

"I am very busy man, Lady Maltby," he said, and now his voice was stern: "I have been called in by your husband to treat you for what he thought might be a nervous collapse. I want to help you—but I have no time to waste on difficult patients. If you will not give me your confidence, I am afraid you will have to seek other advice. Unlike some of my colleagues, perhaps, I believe in being perfectly frank with a patient. Now, Lady Maltby, I cannot help you unless you tell me your trouble. If you feel you can't, then I am wasting both your time and my own. I quite appreciate that I am here at your husband's request and not at your own."

"I can't stand any more now," she said, and turning her head away from him, she buried her face in the pillow.

Wearing the same expression as the nurse at St. Christopher's Hospital knew so well, when they had neglected an essential duty, the famous neurologist walked stiffly out of the room.

THAT NIGHT, SIR LESSINGTON DINED WITH TIGER STANDISH. The son of the Earl of Quorn and he, in spite of the twenty years' difference in their ages, were close friends—so close indeed, that Standish, watching the distraught manner of his companion, began to rally him in characteristic fashion.

"What's the matter, Smudge?" he chided, giving the other the nickname he had coined because of the scar on Cross's left cheek, the legacy of a racing-car smash at Brooklands, ten years before; "you look as though you've got all tangled up with a skeleton and it has given you a left hook to the jaw."

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"Don't be a cat!" "Any woman can be a cat when she has to defend her young."

"By 'young,' do you mean my humble self?" "I refuse to say another word until you tell me what all this mystery is about."

Tiger resorted to a piece of childish ritual. Putting the tip of his right index finger against his tongue, he then held it up.

"See that wet?" he quoted. His wife, knowing that before he would give her his full confidence she must exchange this childish oath, wetted the tip of her own finger and drew it across her neck.

"See this wet, see this dry; hit-tidy-hi-tidy. All right, Tiger,"—serious now—"num's the word!"

Satisfied that no power on earth would ever make her go back on this pledge, he tossed the sheet of paper he had been studying over to her. Sonia straightened it out and read the typewritten note with puzzled eyes.

"This country cannot afford to have any open or covert traitors. Tiger Standish is advised in this connection to keep his eye on the company which Lady Maltby, wife of the Secretary for National Security, frequents. This communication is sent in the strictest confidence."

"I hate anonymous letters!" declared Sonia, putting the paper aside as though it soiled her hands.

"So do I," replied her husband, "but, all the same, human nature is damned queer in wartime, my sweet. I think I will get you to describe the Swedish gentleman a little more minutely."

REPORTING, AS USUAL, TO SIR HARKER BELLAMY an hour later, Tiger found "The Mole" (as Bellamy was often referred to), in one of his more waspish moods. It was a curious mental quirk of Bellamy's that he was never so bad-tempered as when there was a temporary lull of work. He turned a pair of lack-lustre eyes on his favourite agent as Standish entered the room.

"Nothing for you," he said, gloomily; "we seem to have cleaned up all the Nastes for the time being."

"Fine!" declared Standish; "then I shall be able to elude your beastly clutches and get into uniform of some kind!"

This stung Bellamy. "Not on your life!" he growled; "something will crop up very soon; meanwhile you can take a day or so off—that is, as long as you let me know where I can reach you by telephone."

AS SHE HEARD THE FAINT TRILLING IN THE NEXT ROOM, Lady Maltby shivered. The maid entered.

"The telephone, my lady."

"Thank you, Mitchell."

As she walked to the door, she wondered if the maid noticed her uneasy gait. The strain of the past two days had been almost unbearable. And now this human devil was pressing her again.

With a hand that shook, she took off the receiver.

"Yes, who is it?" As though she did not know.

"The new patterns have arrived, my lady; perhaps you would be kind enough to look in sometime? This evening at nine o'clock would suit. You will? Thank you very much, my lady."

She had not said a word, but such was the power the speaker held over her, he had insolently taken her acquiescence for granted.

"Hello, Isabel!"

The door had opened without her hearing it, but the sound of her husband's voice, coming at that moment, was so startling. She fell backwards, dragging the instrument with her to the floor.

"Isabel! You're ill again! Shall I phone that fellow Cross?"

The words seemed to come from a great distance; she was rapidly losing consciousness; all she could remember afterwards was saying quickly, "No—No—No! NOT CROSS. I can't stand him,"—and then blackness swallowed her up.

Sir William Maltby looked what he was, a man both perplexed and worried. Mixed with these two emotions, was yet a third—anger. Why was Isabel so inconsiderate as to behave in this manner? Surely he had enough on his mind without being upset in such a way! It was most thoughtless. But perhaps he had only himself to blame after all; he should never have married a girl who had such poor control over her feelings. Sir William could not help being ill, of course, but he had called in the best man possible, and with what results? Why, she had just said that she could not stand Cross?

Feeling that his endurance was at an end, he rang the bell.

"Your mistress has fainted," he said to the maid who was endeavouring to hide her astonishment. "Ring up Dr. Hoskins and ask him to come round immediately; then tell Louise to come here at once."

Having done all he considered possible, Sir William Maltby stalked away.

THE MAN'S FACE WAS MERELY A BLUR; the desk lamp had been turned round so that the light fell on the visitor. It showed a woman ravaged by fear.

"I tell you I can't do it!"

"My dear Isabel," the man who sat in the shadows returned; "haven't you righteous English a saying something to the effect that nothing is impossible providing the heart is sufficiently courageous? If you haven't, you should have, because it so typifies a certain type of British hypocrisy. You tell me you find it impossible to obtain the information I require—but you are the wife of the Secretary of the National Security Department. You are in his confidence, I suppose?"

She clutched at the straw.

"You don't know my husband; he never talks about his work to me."

The other was unrelenting. "Perhaps not, but it is my information that he keeps a lot of papers in the safe in his library at 407 Hans Place. I happen to have obtained the combination of that safe—"

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Rumanians Reproved For Revisionist Talk

BASLE, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Germany has given Rumania a sharp reminder of the Vienna Award under which Rumania was forced to cede part of Transylvania to Hungary, writes the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The reminder was prompted by the speeches of Premier Antonescu and Vice Premier, Sima on Sunday, bitterly resenting the cession.

Wilhelmstrasse officials brand the speeches as revisionist and declare that Germany will hold fast to the Vienna Award. The speeches caused great surprise in Hungary where they were interpreted as meaning that Rumania was rebelling against the award and also against the tripartite pact to which she had adhered ten days previously.

Hungary is working hard to bring about a rapprochement with Yugoslavia which would incline that country nearer to the Axis.

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Sir John Latham

The Rt. Hon. Sir John Latham, G.C.M.G., K.C., and party are now expected to arrive at Government House on December 8, and to leave on December 7 or 8. Captain W. E. Houston-Bowall, M.C., is now expected to leave Government House on the 6th.

Losses And Thefts

Jewellery and money to the value of \$2,500 was stolen from the residence of Mr. Wong Ping-kwan, No. 14 Wing On Street, between 1 a.m. and 6 p.m. yesterday according to a report made to the Police.

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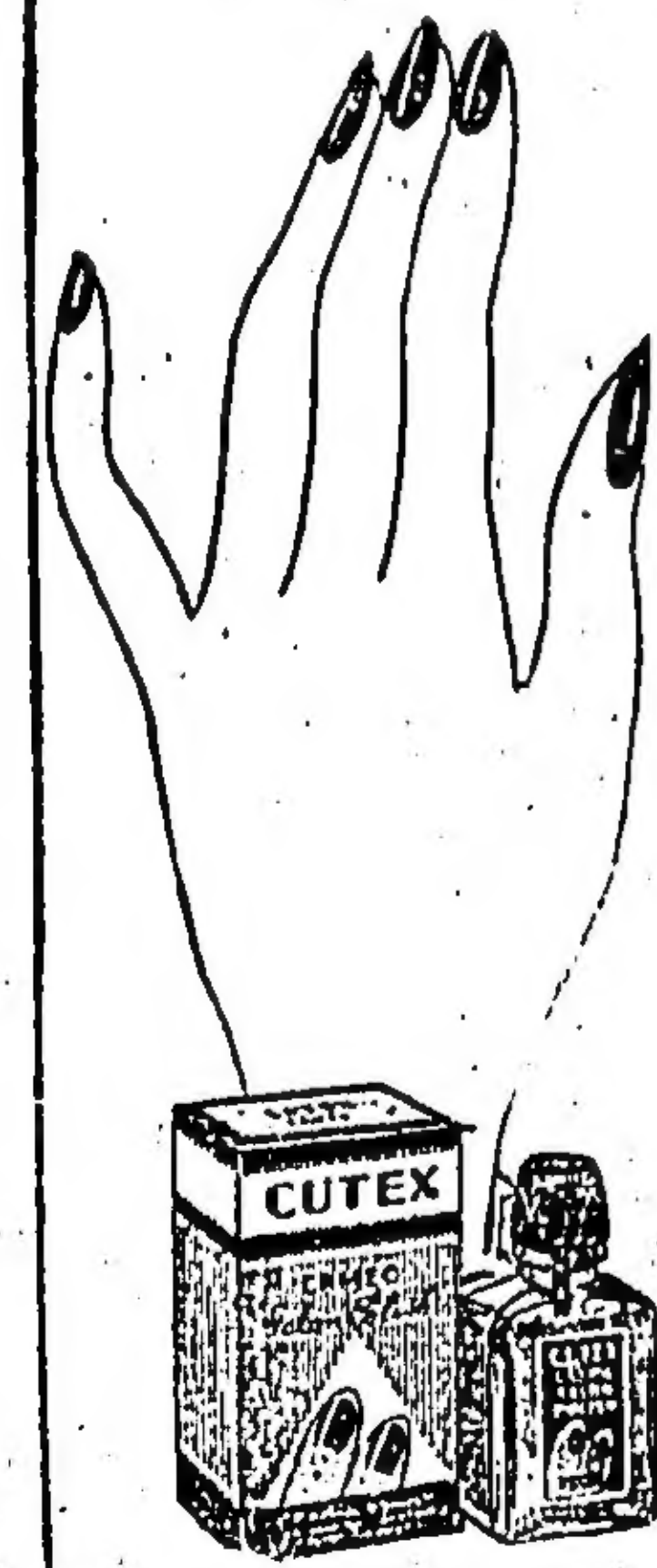
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Question of Retaliation

THE German Luftwaffe has laid the offensive city of Southampton in ruins, killing and wounding hundreds of non-combatant civilians and rendering thousands more homeless. This act serves once again to remind one of the utter barbarity of modern warfare as practised by the Huns. Coming so swiftly, too, upon the "horror" bombings of Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham and London, the old argument as to whether Britain should or should not indulge in reprisals of a like nature is immediately resurrected.

If numbers are taken into account the "retaliationists" are fairly certain to be in the majority; many of them are just longing for it. Among their arguments is this; in the last war the Germans were guilty of first using gas, a treacherous and brutal deed. To have allowed our soldiers to be thus victimised without protection would have been intolerable. Therefore, the Allies were forced to use the same weapon, and they gave the Huns more than they received. The wind factor was generally in favour of the Allies, and probably the enemy regretted that they had started this vile breach of international law. But before the war was over they had covered themselves with infamy in their cold-blooded disregard of all law.

Another argument—and one that opens up a wide field of controversy—is that there are no German civilians. According to the Nazi philosophy, all Germans, men, women and children, belong body and soul, to the State machinery alike for war and peace. The only civilians in Germany are in the concentration camps and prisons.

Retaliation for the sheer sake of it has always been abhorrent to the Englishman's nature; he prefers to keep his fighting clean. But just as the Huns in the last war forced the Allies into adopting German methods, and rued the day accordingly, so will Hitler, if he persists in

"YOU see," said the smiling, suave Siamese officer, speaking in excellent English, "they understand when I talk to them in Siamese; they are the same people as ourselves." "They" were the sturdy Thos of the mountain-country near the Tongking-Chinese frontier.

The speaker was a member of the Siamese military mission which toured French Indo-China in the early part of last year. As the general commanding the French forces said to me after the Thailanders had left, "We showed them all there was to see," and then he added cryptically, "even more than there was to see."

One wonders if the subtle Siamese were as glib as in their politeness they seemed. They certainly admired the admirable network of good roads with which the French have criss-crossed Indo-China, especially as Siam is an almost roadless country; but the Thailanders could hardly have spent several weeks in French territory without having formed a very shrewd idea of the disaffection of the native Annamese population and of the naval and military weakness of the French in their Far Eastern dominion.

"Thailand"

Soon after the Siamese military mission had returned home the name of their country was officially changed to "Thailand," and the change was no mere academic one.

"Indo-China" is a word that suggests a mingling of India and China, but as a matter of fact the French Indo-Chinese Union was a political entity with no geographical, cultural or historical basis. The French possessions fell into two sharply contrasted parts.

From the bend of the Mekong river (where it curves round to border the eastern bulge of Siamese territory) down to its delta, the great stream divides roughly what is "Indian" by culture from what is "Chinese" by civilisation. Northwards the line of cultural division follows the crest of the mountains so as to leave within the "Indian" zone all the Laos country.

The transition from the one zone to the other is most marked when you go westwards from Cochin-China (that is "Little China") into Cambodia. Within a few miles you are in a new world. You have crossed the dividing line between the Far East and the Middle East.

China Into India

You leave the little Chinese-looking huts with their good-luck streamers of red paper inscribed with Chinese characters, the little Mongoloid black-clad men and women under limp hats who totter unsmilingly along the road weighed down

his present terrorising tactics, demand and receive, the Wrathful vengeance of the British air force. The thought of Europe's loveliest cities being laid waste is repellent, but if Hitler imagines that by doing this to England he can win the war, Britain will be bound to prove to him, by retaliation, that he is wrong.

ALAN HOUGHTON BRODRICK

discusses some of the political possibilities which lie behind the establishment of a foothold in France's Far Eastern possession by Japan, with particular reference to

THAILAND'S DESIGNS for share in INDO-CHINA

States and the Burmese Shan States should be one. With regard to the French, however, whose prestige has sunk to its nadir, the Thailanders threaten that if their demands are not met the non-aggression treaty will not be ratified.

Even in present circumstances they would hardly have dared to use such language were they not sure of the support of powerful friends. The powerful friends do not, of course, do anything for nothing.

Siam is strategically and economically a country of the highest importance. Although it is wedged in between French and British territory in the north and bounded by the frontier of British Malaya in the extreme south, the Siamese section of the Malay peninsula has outlets on both seas—the China Sea to the east and the Gulf of Bengal to the west.

Kra Canal Rumours

Although all the rumours about the cutting of the Kra canal to connect the two seas can be, for the moment, disregarded, some progress has been made with the construction of a highway across the peninsula from Chumphon on the east to Kraburi on the west, with an extension to the tin centre, Renong.

A beginning has already been achieved towards the equipment of two small naval bases which might be suitable for submarines, and at least one of these, Singora, on the Gulf of Siam, about 150 miles north of the British Malaya frontier, has been demanded on lease by the Japanese. We shall no doubt hear more of this after the "good will" mission has returned from Tokyo.

The Japanese in control of the naval bases at Haiphong in Tongking, Tourane and Camranh in Annam and installed in the Malay peninsula would be masters of the coasts of the China Sea and the not too distant neighbours of Singapore.

Economically Siam is underdeveloped. More than four-fifths of the 15,000,000 inhabitants are rice growers, and the Japanese, pressed by the urgent problem of finding a substitute for American cotton, mean to make the Thailanders switch over to cotton cultivation at least in part. French Indo-China alone can meet the Japanese needs for imported rice. Thailand's rubber production can be immensely increased. There are almost inexhaustible supplies of hard woods. The northern hills are probably rich in minerals, and Siam lies right athwart the tin belt of eastern Asia.

Japan's Real Aim

Japan's plan for the moment seems to be economic predominance until the Chinese situation has been in some way cleared up. The long-distance plans of the Japanese undoubtedly comprise political control.

Tokyo would like to see back again the ideal state of things portrayed on the old maps: "Empire of Annam," under a puppet emperor like another Manchukuo, and "Empire of Siam"—as much an economic, and consequently, a political, dependency as the Japanese hope to make North China.

It remains to be seen how the little peoples of the south-east will like the ruthless methods of Nippon. As a shrewd Annamese once said to me, "We fear the Japanese because, since they are like ourselves, Orientals, we shall never be able to hide from them what we think, what we desire, and what we hope to do."

their protectorate of Cambodia the two provinces of Battambang and Siem-Reap, in the latter of which is situated Angkor.

By the changing of the name of Siam to Thailand the Bangkok Government tacitly staked its claim to the control of all the lands inhabited by speakers of the Thai languages. At the time the claim seemed ambitious, but the swift march of events looks like making at least part of the Siamese dream into a reality.

Almost simultaneously with the Japanese demands on the French—demands for the pas-



houses are brilliantly tiled and are carved with the figures of the magic world of Indian mythology. The wayside signs are written in an alphabetic writing remotely akin to our own. The country reeks of wood-smoke and the hot, spicy odours of India.

You have left the Far East.

The Siamese by the end of the 18th century had become the dominant people from the mountains of Annam to the Burmese frontier.

The old European maps, in fact, show all that is now Siam and French Indo-China divided between the "Empire of Annam" and the "Empire of Siam."

After the occupation of Indo-China by the French and the establishment of our suzerainty over Burma, the continued existence of Siam as an independent State was due to Anglo-French rivalry in the 'nineties of the last century. At the beginning of this century the French forced the Siamese to cede to

sage of troops, and the "leasing" of air and naval bases that entirely change the status of Indo-China and open that country to Japanese penetration and influence—the Siamese also presented their claims.

The Bangkok Government wants a frontier rectification in the Savannakhet region, the cession of the huge and potentially valuable Laos country, and the retrocession of the Battambang and Siem-Reap provinces. Nothing is as yet said about Cambodia, formerly a tributary State of the Siamese.

There is little doubt that these demands were made with the approval of the Japanese, and they were probably made at the instigation of the Tokyo Government as part of their schemes for a "New Order in Asia." This year the Siamese Military Mission, under the command of the Vice-Minister for National Defence, has gone to Japan on a "good will" errand and arrived in Tokyo on Sept. 20.

A short time ago the Thailand Government signed non-aggression treaties with their neighbours, Great Britain and France. The Siamese have no sort of claim to any British controlled territory, although some of the wilder men in Bangkok have hinted that the Siamese Shan

R.A.F. PLANES HARASS ITALIANS RETREATING

LONDON, DEC. 3 (REUTER).—WHILE THE GREEK THREAT TO THE IONIAN PORT OF SANTI QUARANTA HAS BEEN INCREASING IN THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND THE ITALIANS IN THE ARGYRO-CASTRON SECTOR OF THE FRONT ARE REPORTED TO BE RETREATING EVEN MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY DID AT KORITZA, BRITISH BOMBER PLANES HAVE BEEN HARASSING THE ENEMY IN THE REAR.

Valona, a port to which the Italians retreating from the Argyro-Castron sector would naturally withdraw, was yesterday heavily bombed by the R.A.F.

In spite of bad weather and large Italian fighter patrols, the attack was pressed home. A fire was started in a large building near the harbour, and was followed by a series of loud explosions.

A stick of bombs fell on the main jetty, and a ship received a direct hit. One Italian fighter was shot down.

In the Argyro-Castron sector, one British fighter shot down an Italian reconnaissance plane.

"One of Our Best Raids"

On the return from Valona raid, the leader of the R.A.F. formation said: "It was one of our best raids. We had to come rather low because of the clouds, and fighters were waiting for us, but while they chased one of our bombers, another went in and dropped its bombs. We saw a big blaze among the warehouses with a tall column of black smoke above. It looked as if we had hit something of vital importance. Practically all our bombs registered direct hits. We all got back O.K."

Retreat Continues

Monastir (Yugo-Slavia), Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian Army is again retreating after making a stand north of Pogradetz on the shores of Lake Ochrid. Further west a vigorous Italian counter attack was smashed with great loss of men and material.

Fleeing To El Hassan

Yugo-Slav-Albanian Border, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—After making a stand on the shores of Lake Ochrid, the Italians are on the retreat. Some of them are retreating towards El Hassan, 40 miles north-west of Pogradetz on the road to Tirana while others are skirting Lake Ochrid to the east.

A heavy snowfall, now more than six feet deep on Mount Kamila, is holding up the Greek pursuit but strenuous efforts are being made to overcome the difficulties of supply.

Britain's Record War Spending

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Britain is now spending £12,876,000 daily on the war—a record figure. Exchequer returns for the last week issued to-day show that during that period supplies and services cost £90,184,000 compared with the £72,350,000 of the previous week, a daily increase of over 2½ million sterling.

Pointless Nazi Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—In connection with the German communiqué claiming that the convoy escort cruiser Caledonia has been sunk, naval circles pointed out that the named Scutoun, and was admitted to have been sunk on June 14. The German claim specifically mentions the Scutoun's tonnage as being 17,040.

Statement On Aliens Interned in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Replying to the debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security, said:

"Any allegations of deliberate and cruel persecution by the Government of internees would be utterly unfounded."

"There has been some delay between the order for release and the actual release of internees in the early stages."

Mr. Morrison assured the House that he would like to get this delay down to a fortnight or ten days. He had found no trace in the Civil Service of any deliberate or vindictive feelings towards internees.

We had, continued the Minister, not only to test the aliens' general opinion and general loyalty but "how they would act if the enemy succeeded in invading this country—and the possibility of invasion has not by any means been removed."

About 8,000 aliens have been released and of 10,500 still interned, there were about 4,000 against whom there was evidence that they were definitely unfriendly. In sitting those still interned, consideration was being given to those who were skilled workmen.

Sent To Canada

Referring to the internees sent to Canada "some of whom had been sent abroad wrongly," a special and responsible adviser was going to Canada to select suitable applicants for pioneers while the emigration of those who obtained the necessary visas for America would be facilitated.

"I must insist on the principle of individual decision," continued Mr. Morrison, "and if I have a bias I must be in favour of the security of this country."

George Cross Awards

Heroic Civilian Deeds

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Another George Cross—the civilian equivalent of the Victoria Cross—has been awarded to a bomb disposer. The hero is Dr. Arthur Douglas Merriman, of the Directorate of Scientific Research, of the Ministry of Supply.

An ex-schoolmaster, Dr. Merriman is in the early forties and is married. As great personal risk he dismantled five unexploded bombs which fell in a famous London Street and on an important building.

This is the fourth King George Cross award, two of the first three going to St. Paul's bomb men who removed the time bomb from under St. Paul's Cathedral.

Nine King George Medals were awarded to firemen and other civilian defence workers who fought fires at docks, oil tanks, and factories, and to gasworkers who climbed gasometers, down which a delayed action bomb had fallen.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DEMARCHE?

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Two interesting questions bearing upon Anglo-American co-operation in the Far East, appear in the House of Commons paper for an early answer.

The Conservative, Mr. Robert Morrison, will suggest a joint Anglo-American declaration in opposition to the so-called new order which "Japan is trying to introduce not only in China but in the whole of the Pacific."

Sir Robert Gower will ask whether, with the object of identifying British aims and objects in the Far East with those officially stated by America, the Government will restate British policy regarding the puppet government of Nanking.

British Cabinet Decisions

Dominions Not To Be Told

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—For war-time purpose, the British Government is departing from its previous invariable practice of sending all important Cabinet decisions to all the Dominions.

The Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne, indicated that such communications are not being made to Elms.

The assurance was given in response to questions that "There are no German or Italian Legations in Dublin in constant touch with Rome or Berlin."

BRISTOL HEAVILY BOMBED

Four-Hour Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRISTOL, Dec. 3 (UP).—German bombers, coming through at three-minute intervals, attacked Bristol for four hours last night—the second time in 24 hours. Severe damage was caused and there were many casualties.

Single Raiders

LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security jointly states that single raiders flew in flights over East Anglia and the south coast of England. Some reached the London area and bombed the outskirts. Bombs were also dropped on Sussex and East Anglia where the damage and casualties were slight.

Cinema Bombed

LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—A dozen incendiary bombs fell on the roof of a cinema to-day showering the audience with sparks and plaster.

Despite unfavourable weather, raiders were over the London area. They flew in over the coast at frequent intervals throughout the night, and were followed by brisk barrages. In the London area the A.A. batteries were in action the earliest for many days, brief, sharp bursts of fire being heard at 4.30 p.m.

Nuisance Visits

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 4 (UP).—The London area attack, which was fairly lively early last evening, petered out and the all clear signal was sounded before midnight. It is suggested that the raiders were passing high over the Capital en route to the provinces, in order to exploit their nuisance value and to avoid wasting fuel for extra planes to keep London alert. A raid on a Midlands town, ended after delayed bombs and incendiaries had been dropped, mainly damaging private property and stores.

West England

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Following an attack on a town in west England last night, a number of fairly heavy fires have been started and considerable damage has been done to residences and public and commercial buildings.

There are some casualties though the number is not large.

Bombs were also dropped in East Anglia and South Wales, but the damage and casualties were small. London spent a free night for the second time since the air war intensified.

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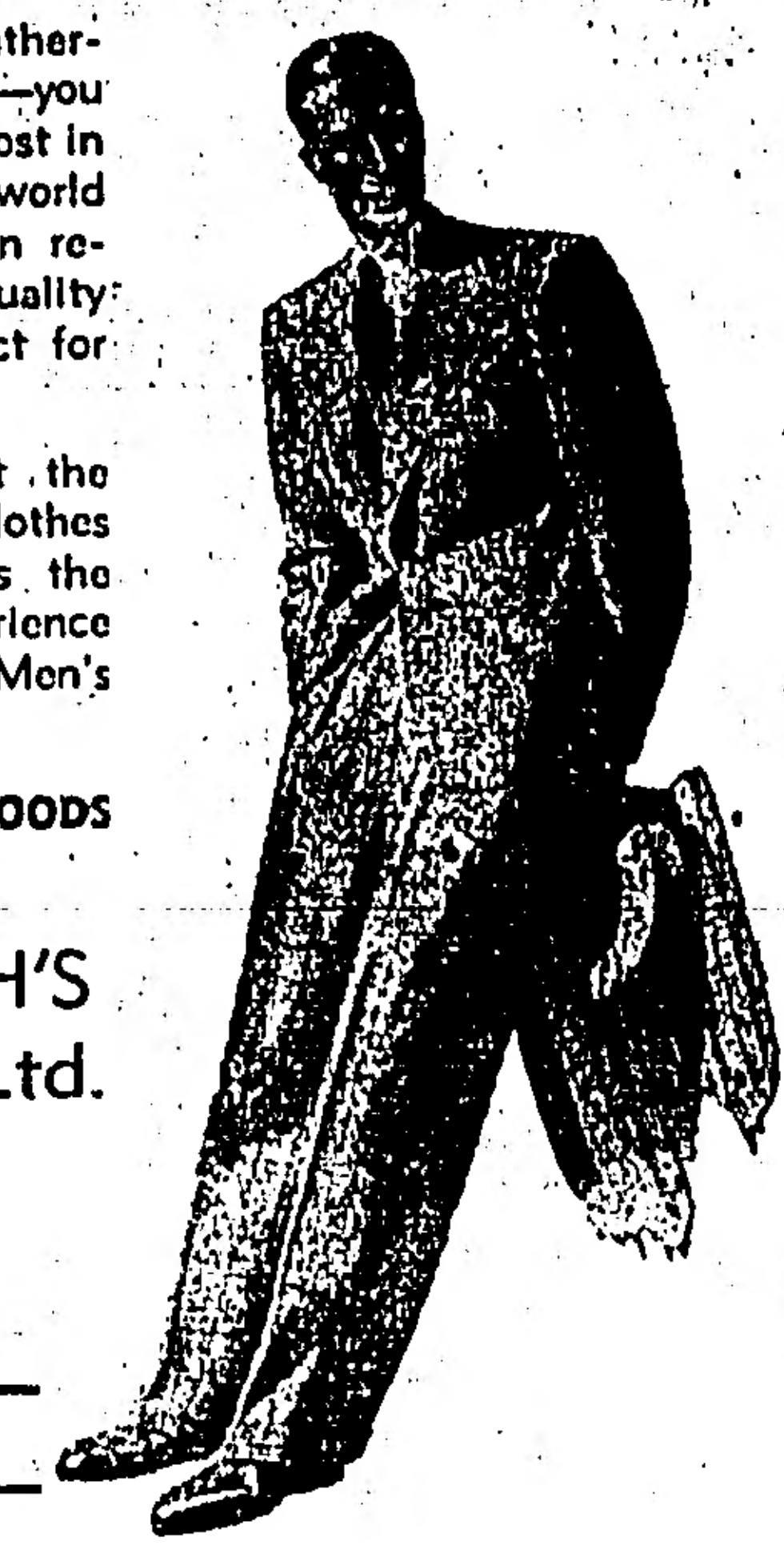
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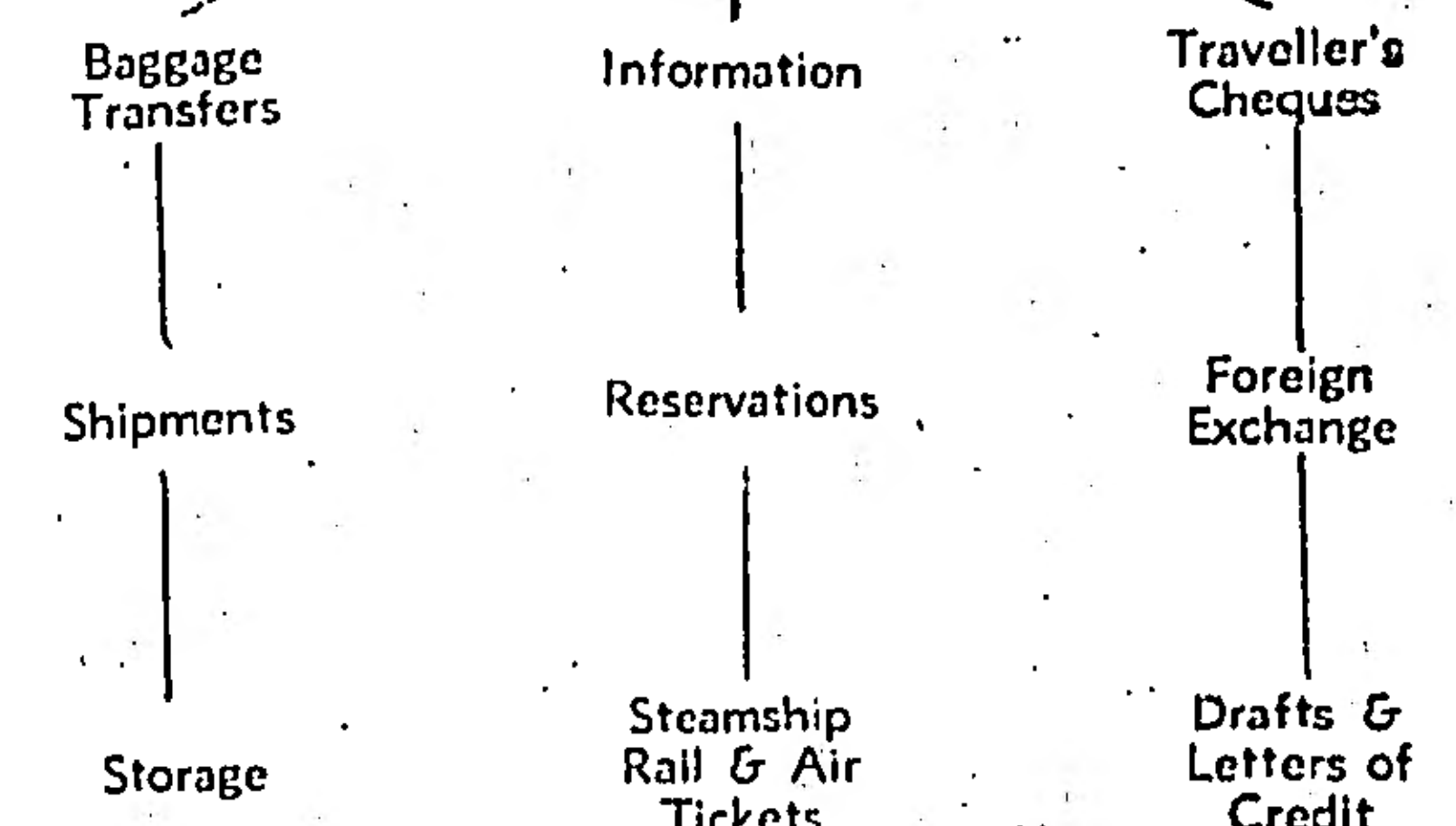
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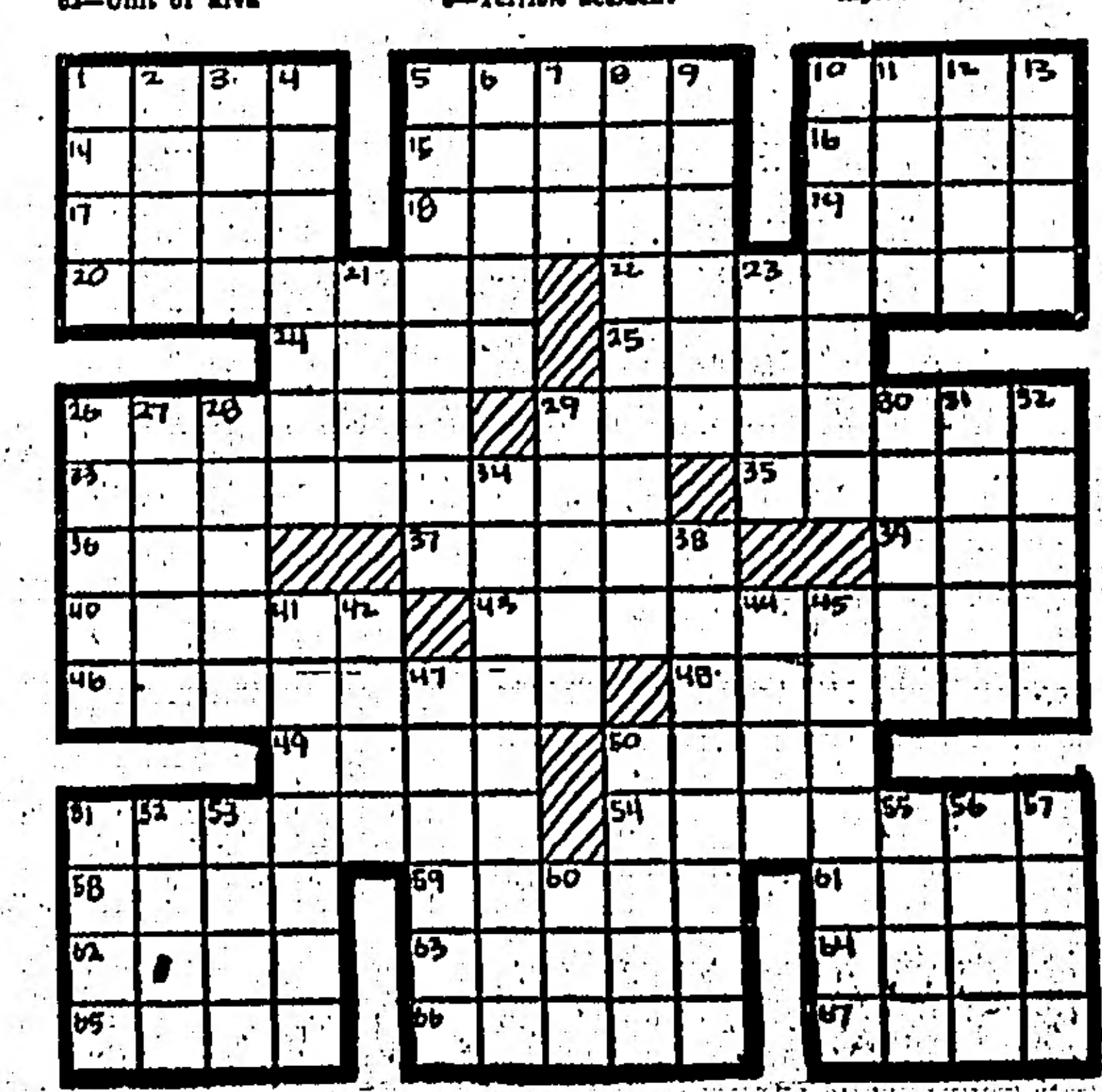
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ACROSS

- 1—Sculpture of head
- 2—Takes off, as hat
- 3—Debut
- 4—Dwelling word
- 5—Variable body material
- 6—Very dry
- 7—County subdivision
- 8—Cigar
- 9—Clear secretion
- 10—Run-shaped
- 11—One owing allegiance to a government
- 12—Kits for drying hops
- 13—Stretched tight
- 14—Make sudden push
- 15—Constructed underground passage
- 16—Roly traveler
- 17—Human magistrate
- 18—Unit of energy
- 19—Pertaining to network
- 20—Woman's nickname
- 21—Whirlip
- 22—Biblical volume
- 23—Disturbance order of
- 24—Press from fault
- 25—Hacoon
- 26—Form of fuel
- 27—Bitter tonic
- 28—Site of temple of Diana
- 29—Kingdom in Asia, nominally under French control
- 30—Furnished by tide
- 31—Wide-mouthed pot
- 32—Unit of area

DOWN

- 1—Greek letter
- 2—On
- 3—Bulbous
- 4—Delicate
- 5—Terrible accident
- 6—Open to view
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Around The Courses

Kowloon Golfers Appreciate Country Club Course

Sand Greens Presented No Obstacles: Match To Be Duplicated

(By "Birdie")

BRILLIANT WEATHER at Sheungshui on Sunday contributed to make the Country Club-Kowloon golf match one of the most pleasant functions at the New Territories Club. The sand greens presented little difficulty to the Kowloon players, in fact, they were not quite as fast as was anticipated.

It was altogether a genial day, and the score, as was mentioned at the end of the day, was of no consequence. There were only seven of the 18 matches in which byes were played, and the Country Club won three of those seven.

The complete scores were:

	Country Club	Kowloon
A. W. Ramsey beat A. J. Dennis 4 and 3	1 1/2	-
A. A. Lopes beat W. V. Ahern 5 and 4	1 1/2	-
R. E. Lee lost to E. F. Fincher 3 and 2	-	1 1/2
F. E. A. Remedios and R. K. Collins all square	-	-
E. J. M. Churn lost to A. K. Mackenzie 4 and 3	-	1 1/2
T. Y. C. Lee lost to E. C. Eastman 3 and 2	-	1
W. C. Hung lost to E. C. Fincher 3 and 2	-	1
C. H. T. Suen lost to T. Low 3 and 2	-	1
J. J. Basto lost to T. Lamb 4 and 3	-	1 1/2
M. F. de Pinna lost to W. Kershaw 3 and 2	-	1
F. X. M. Silva lost to Christianson 4 and 3	-	1 1/2
A. R. de Pinna and T. Henderson all square	-	-
Singles total	2 1/2	0

Ramsey and Lopes beat Dennis and Ahern 3 and 2	2	-
R. E. Lee and Remedios lost to E. F. Fincher and Collins 3 and 1	-	2
Churn and T. Y. C. Lee lost to Mackenzie and Eastman 1 down	-	2
Hung and Suen lost to Fincher and Low 2 down	-	2
Basto and Pinna lost to Lamb and Kershaw 2 and 1	-	2
Silva and A. R. Pinna lost to Christianson and Henderson 4 and 3	1/2	2
Fourballs total	2 1/2	10
Grand total	5	19

It was a hot day and the course was very dry. The application of water to the greens, however, had made them comparatively soft and holding. There were several birdies, of which the most peculiar were two on the second. W. Kershaw overran and from behind and below the green holed out his chip for a birdie. J. J. Basto, opponent in the four-ball, proceeded to do likewise from outside.

There is every prospect that the match will be duplicated in the near future—probably towards the end of January. Kowloon, naturally, wish to play a return match on their course, but what with firing and competitions (at both Clubs) it may take a bit of negotiating.

In weather like this, players are advised to watch carefully where they drop cigarette ends. One of the members of the Country Club, not playing in the match, failed to completely stamp one out on the second hole and a small fire was started. Had it not been noticed,

considerable damage might have been done to the fairway.

THE women's match at Kowloon ended all square. Actually, the Misses Churn (M. C. and M. B.) are considered to be part of the Country Club team, but being members of both Clubs, and Kowloon being short, they turned out for Kowloon.

The greens at Kowloon, at the moment, however, are decidedly more tricky than those at Sheungshui, and in this respect the women had a far more difficult day. But it was most enjoyable, and they, too, are hoping that a second match can be arranged.

ENTRIES for the Junior Championship at the Country Club have not reached a sufficient number. Closing date was last Sunday, but only seven

Unparalleled Feat In Championship Golf

AT NEWCASTLE, Co. Down, in the 30-holes final of the 1933 Irish Open golf championship, Eric Fiddian, an English champion, twice holed out in one against Jack McLean.

In the first round Fiddian holed his tee shot at the seventh hole (128 yards) and in the second round repeated the performance at the 14th hole (205 yards).

This feat is unparalleled in a championship match.

SIR ABE BAILEY'S STUD AND STOCK SOLD AT NEWMARKET

NEWMARKET, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—One of the greatest sales of thoroughbred bloodstock ever was held to-day when the late Sir Abe Bailey's entire stock and stud, numbering 84 lots, was sold at the order of the executors, and which realised 42,677 guineas.

The highest price was 5,200 guineas for the nine-year-old stallion, Tiberius, which was purchased by Lord Glanely.

Export Of Racing Stock From Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Pointing out that hundreds of thousands of pounds of British racing thoroughbred stock had been exported to North and South America, India, Australia and elsewhere, Lord Rosebery, speaking at the Annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket, urged the importance of continuing racing in wartime.

He said that export trade was always of the greatest value to breeders, and Government's policy was to continue the export trade.

Lord Rosebery urged breeders to continue as long as possible, and deprecate the selling of well bred yearlings for five or ten guineas for the purpose of being slaughtered to feed greyhounds, which are still allowed to race on the track.

Boxing

Godoy Training For Third Try At World Title

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3. (UP).—Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavy-weight, has begun training for his third attempt at the world title. To-day he gained an easy decision over Tony Russo, of Chicago. Although he had him on the verge of a knockout half a dozen times he lacked the punch to put him away.

Lou Salica Retains Bantamweight Crown

Toronto, Dec. 3. In his first fight in defence of the world bantamweight championship, Lou Salica to-day beat Small Montana, of the Philippines, by a technical knock-out in the third round after Montana had been floored nine times.—Reuter.

names were on the card.

For this reason, the closing date has been extended one week, and entries will close on the coming Sunday.

FROM one of the members of the Kowloon G.C. on Sunday, a brilliant suggestion has been received for the improvement of the holes on the sand greens. The great trouble at the moment is that the iron cups must extend to the level of the sand surface, otherwise the sides will crumble.

The suggestion is that the upper edges of the cups be coated or surfaced with rubber—not the resilient kind—which would have the same denuding effect as the grass edges of normal cups.

The problem of putting will then be solved, for at the moment, a firm putt is as likely to run round the edge and jump out again or strike the metal edge and rebound clear of the hole as it is of going down.

One such rubber sheath is being made for experimental purposes.



NET COMER—Stepping along toward ace position in ranks of nation's leading tennis players is Frank Kovacs, above, of Oakland, Cal. Big follow has way of flicking ball that not only puts him in top-flight ranks but confounds opponents.

Navy And Artillery In Scoreless Rugby Game

NAVY and Royal Artillery met in a scoreless game of rugby at Causeway Bay yesterday, the latter team being considerably weakened by the absence of many of their better players who were taking part in 5th A.A. v. Medical Corps Small Units League match.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billiards & Snooker

Sir—May I be allowed to trespass on the space of your sports page in the interests of Charity?

Quite recently you published an article upon Billiards and Snooker generally, and in that article you made reference to the "Cue Crusaders." I have an ambition to establish a local branch of that worthy organisation in this Colony, but being fully aware of my own limitations, I must of necessity appeal for help in an endeavour to bring that local branch into life.

It is with this object that I appeal to all who are interested in Billiards and Snooker, either for recreational benefit or for charity, to communicate with me as early as possible in order that the fullest advantage may be taken of the current season.

For the information of those who are unaware of the objects of the "Cue Crusaders," I should like to repeat that these are three-fold:

- (1) To keep the spirit of the game alive;
- (2) To foster an ever growing comradeship amongst all players;
- (3) To work for Charity, and the greatest is Charity.

Now whilst it can be appreciated that from a playing point of view, only the best players have any real value, it is not proposed to confine recruiting to such players only. It is of primary importance in the interests of the organisation and of the charities that are to benefit from its efforts, that a really good organiser be found who can direct the efforts of the Cue Crusaders along those channels that lead to the best results.

I feel sure that a Committee composed of enthusiastic billiard and snooker players and indefatigable workers for charity, led by one of proved organising ability, can produce results that would surprise even the most optimistic, of whom there is none greater than myself.

Will anybody and everybody interested, please communicate with me c/o "The Hongkong Telegraph," marking envelopes in the top corner "Cue Crusaders?"

CHARLES TERRAN

Hongkong C. C. Team

The following will represent Hongkong C.C. XI against the University at cricket on Saturday, 14th December, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 5th December, 1940.

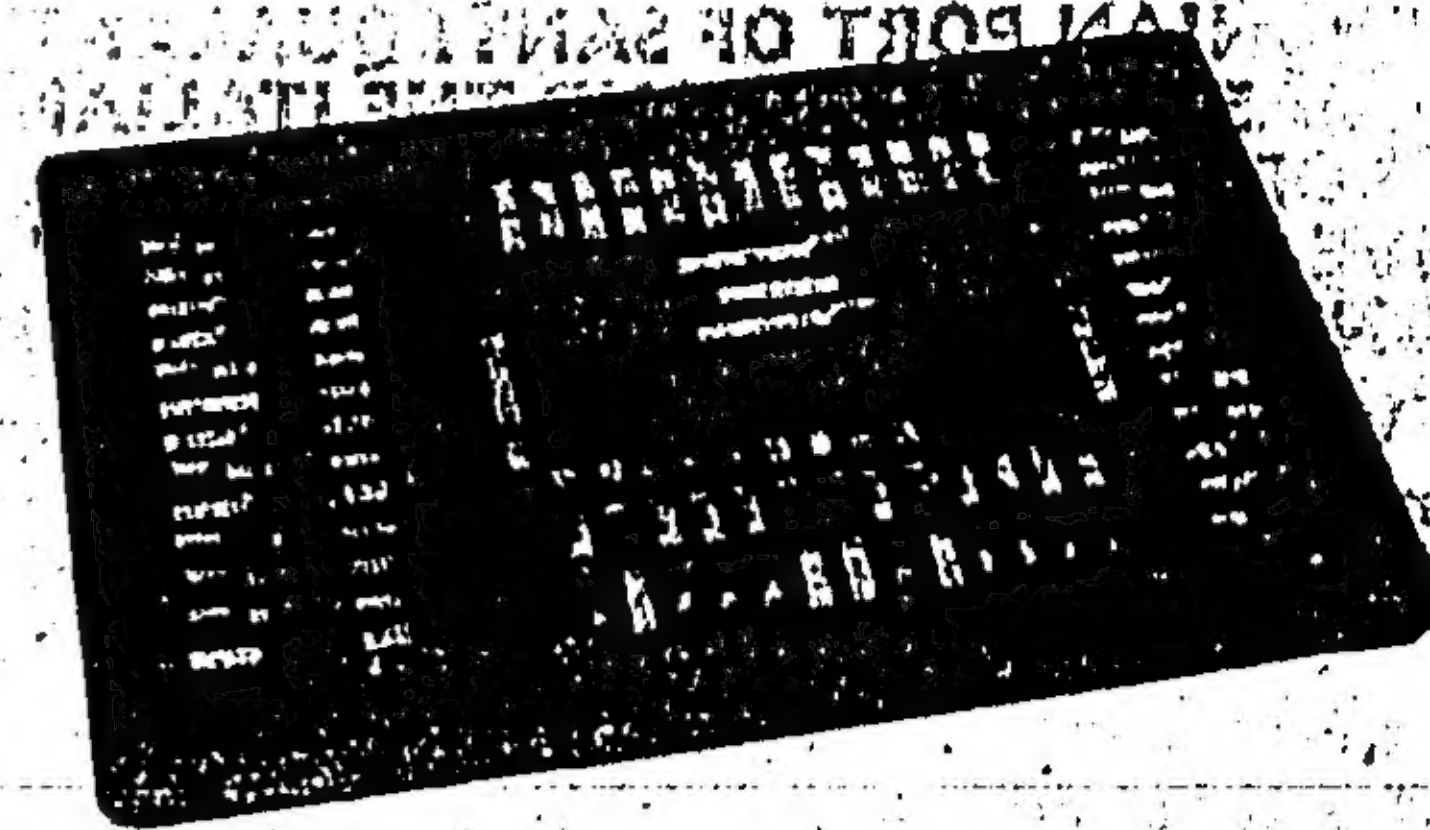
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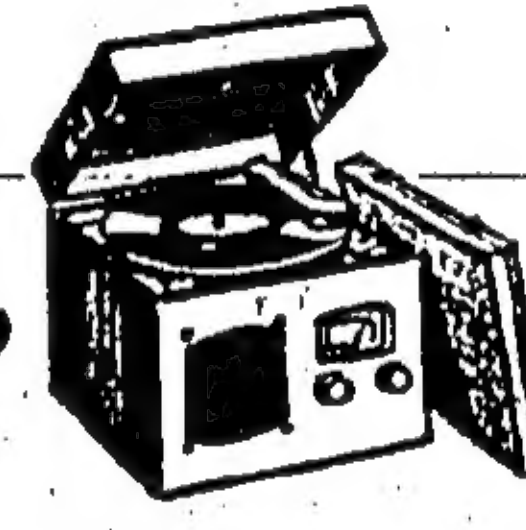
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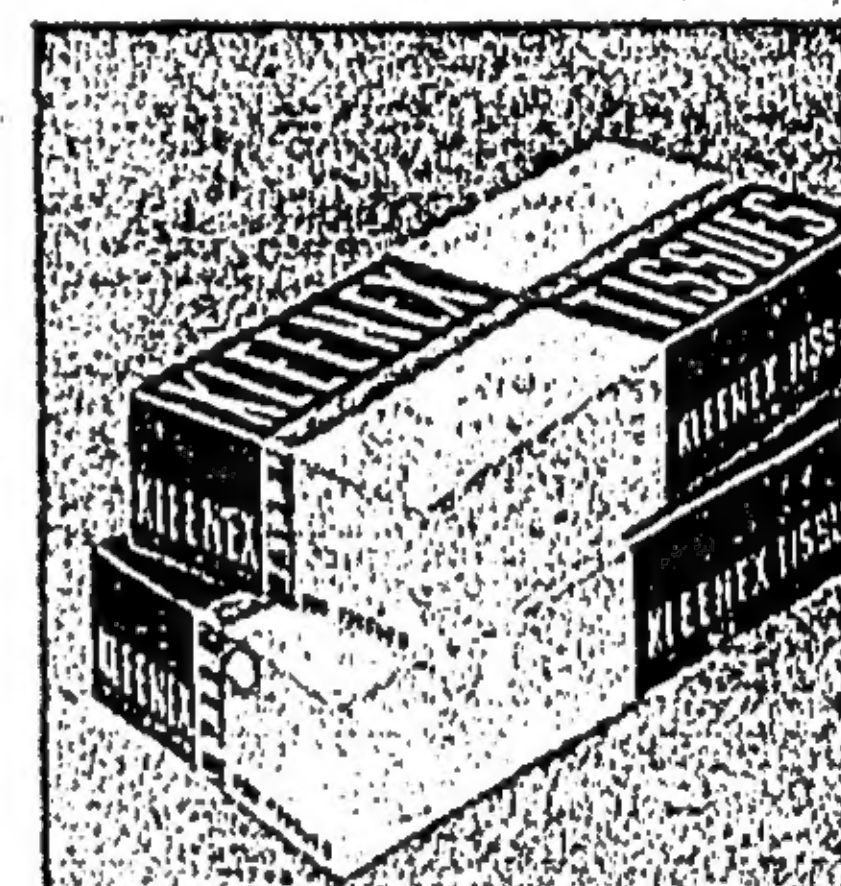
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Japanese Attack Repelled In Hupeh: Li Tsung-jen Praised

CHUNGKING, Dec. 3 (Central News).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphed to General Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces in Hupeh, commending his wise direction of the recent operations in central and northern Hupeh resulting in a Japanese debacle, and instructed him to report all the Chinese officers and men who displayed unusual gallantry in the recent Hupeh battle.

Italian Mob In Tangier

Wreck British Property

TANGIER, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Italian hooliganism has led to the wrecking of British property in Tangier. Twenty Italians entered the British Post Office here wrecking the office after tearing down the official news bulletin and photographs. They afterwards did considerable damage to a British business house. No arrests are reported. This is the first reported interference with British interests in Tangier since the local commander of the Spanish troops announced that he was taking over control of the region.

£8,000,000 Contributed To Spitfire Funds

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Credit for an "£8,000,000" idea goes to the editor of a West Indies newspaper—the "Jamaica Gleaner." As a mark of gratitude to the R.A.F. fighters' prowess in sweeping the skies of German raiders and squashing the projected invasion of Britain, the newspaper opened a fund to present new Spitfires to the R.A.F. The idea has spread throughout Britain and the Empire with such rapidity that a Government spokesman to-day was able to inform the House of Commons that over £8,000,000 had already been contributed or promised. Amid cheers, he expressed his appreciation.

Gold From Portugal

Not German Seizures

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—An allegation that the heavy exports of gold from Portugal to the United States may include bullion seized by Germany in occupied countries, was implied by a questioner in the House of Commons.

The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. R. Dalton (Lab.), stated that a strict watch was being kept on all such shipments and if he had any reason to believe that any consignment was German property he would not hesitate to take the necessary action.

EQUIPMENT FOR PAN-AMERICAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Authoritative sources told the "United Press" to-day that the Pan-American Airways may be permitted to purchase whatever equipment it needs to combat foreign competition, despite the "temporary preference delivery instructions" to expedite the army and navy deliveries.

Mr. Henry Stimson and Colonel Knox, of the Army and Navy respectively, have recommended that an exception be made for Pan-American.

Near Canton

SHIUNG, Dec. 3 (Central News).—Chinese troops have repeatedly attacked the Japanese troops at points between Canton and Samshui and between Kongmoon and Fatshan in the past few days.

Cheungmei, west of Chaochow, has been recaptured by the Chinese. The Japanese retreated to Yukai, east of Cheungmei.

Marseilles Incident

MADRID, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The British Government's reply to the French protest against the alleged bombing of Marseilles is reported to have been handed by Sir Samuel Hoare, British Envoy here, to the French Ambassador.

The Reluctant Cad

By Sidney Horler

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never mind how; in any case, the man is now out of the country. He might have earned a good deal more money, but he got nervous. I now give it to you," and he pushed across the table a sheet of paper on which were some typewritten figures.

She turned away as if the sight nauseated her.

"I won't touch it, you can't force me."

The man, whose face was still obscured, now spoke more sharply.

"I myself have a safe," he said, pointing to a corner of the room: "in that safe are certain letters which you wrote to me many years ago. It is true that at the time you were little more than a schoolgirl, filled with high-falutin' romantic ideas, and that you imagined you were in love with me, but I scarcely think, Lady Maltby, that your husband would take such a wide view of the situation if those letters were posted to him. Do you?"

The vision which the words conjured up made her clasp the arms of the chair convulsively.

"Even you wouldn't do a thing like that?" she whispered incredulously; for although she now knew this man to be unscrupulous, yet such utter infamy was almost beyond her imagining.

"I shall be forced to do so, Lady Maltby, unless you bring to me here, to-morrow night, all the papers that you find in your husband's safe. I have my duty to do and I intend to do it."

The woman he was threatening started to scream; it was this scream that stifled the sound of a soufflé outside the room.

"And now I will ring for my servant to show you out. Pull yourself together," he added harshly. His hand went out to a bell-push on the desk in front of him. As though the man outside had been anticipating the summons, the door opened. "Oh, Graves," said his master; "this lady will require a taxi. What?"

The last word was sharply ejaculated. In what seemed the same instant, the speaker flung open a drawer in his desk.

"Keep the gun where it is, Herr Muller," snapped back a voice. "Your servant, Graves, has met with a slight accident; as a matter of fact he is not feeling very well at the moment; he has lost several teeth and is unconscious."

"Then, what?" "It's a fair question," drawled the intruder, "but as we have been warned not to give away secrets, I had better perhaps content myself with saying that I work for a certain Department of British Intelligence. Yes, British Intelligence, you swine! That conveys something to you, I hope? Get out of that chair and put your hands up. Up, I said, and I meant it—there's no pleasure in life could give me so satisfying as plunging you with all six barrels of this gun," patting the barrel of the revolver he held in his right hand. "And you're going to leave here just as you are; no hat or coat . . . come on!"

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AGAIN LADY ISABEL MALTBY WENT TO A SECRET RENDEZVOUS, but this time she had no fear; the few words she had heard over the telephone had persuaded her on this point. In a corner of the tea lounge of a third-rate Knightsbridge hotel, a tall athletic looking man with a reassuring grin on his nicely-ugly face, greeted her.

"I felt I had to see you again, Lady Maltby," he said, after the waiter had come and gone. "You recognise me, perhaps?"

She looked at him intently. "Yes, you're the man who rescued me from . . . Muller," her voice dropping at the mention of the hated name. "How can I thank you?"

"I should thank you, I think," he replied, reassuringly: "being in the

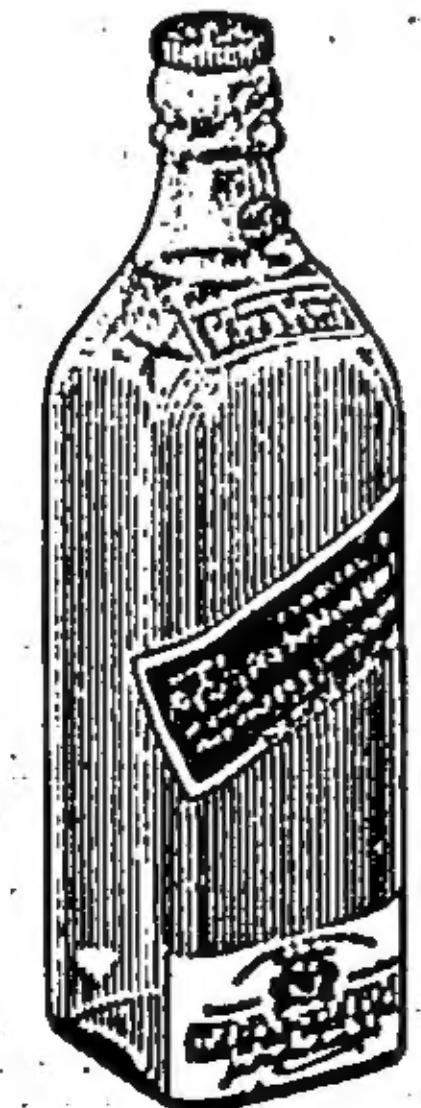
Mrs. Harteam Dead: Funeral To-day

Mrs. M. H. Harteam, wife of the late Mr. M. H. Harteam of the National City Bank, died at her residence at No. 123 Hennessy Road this morning after a long illness. She is survived by two married daughters. The funeral will leave the Mohammedan Cemetery Mosque at Happy Valley at 5.15 p.m. to-day.



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Tripartite Nations Flounder Deeply In Morass Of Discord

From "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Hitler's first approach to Marshal Petain having failed it would seem that the Fuehrer is now attempting to redeem his failure by guile. By arranging for the veteran French leader to return to Versailles, the Germans, with the aid of Laval, the Vice Premier, are pursuing a double object.

R.A.F. ATTACKS NAPLES

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Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts, and valuable information was obtained. From all operations British aircraft returned to their bases without loss, says the Air Ministry.

Grounded Plane Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 3 (UP).—The R.A.F. headquarters announced: "Catalina, the aerodrome on Sicily, was also attacked. Incendiary bombs were dropped and minor fires were started. One enemy aircraft on the ground was burned out. The Augustin aerodrome was also raided, bombs causing a series of explosions followed by large flames on the ground. "All our aircraft returned safely."

Happier Future For Chinese Money Seen

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tions, have limited the export of goods whose sale would help support the currency. The decline in factory production has accounted for some of the shortage while the Japanese also took material which was formerly sold abroad. Financiers said that higher prices also effected the trade exchange situation.

Saving Gold

They are of the opinion that the huge new Export-Import bank loan will enable China to purchase more materials in the United States without drawing upon their dollar exchange fund which was acquired in course of normal trade and would also help stabilise the yuan. Mr. Soong had no appointments with the Treasury to-day.

NO MAJOR FIGHTING

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Bangkok claims that a French Mekong river boat was sunk in official denial.

Fifth Columnists

The French are paying attention to native fifth columnists and are therefore taking advantage of the lull in Cochin-China in an effort to make a complete clean-up.

A Thai pilot and observer were captured at a Cambodian airfield near the border where they landed unconsciously, pulling a "Wrongway Corridor" stunt. Despite the seriousness of the situation, the French jokingly said that they might be invaded by squadrons of Thailand armoured elephants.

Comfort Mission From Hongkong

The "comfort" unit, organised by several Chinese elders in Hongkong, all over 60, for a tour on foot to China to visit war refugees and wounded soldiers, will leave for Kwangtung this week-end, according to Mr. Teng Hung-shun, leader of the unit.

This first "comfort" unit comprises members who at one time were connected with the Kuomintang or the Chinese Revolutionary Army. The leader, Mr. Teng Hung-shun, is 75.

At Versailles, Petain will not be able to exercise the same control over all branches of the administration of unoccupied France thus leaving Laval a freer hand, and at the same time Petain will be exposed to the attention of his German masters who may be expected to use all their arts to flatter him into agreeing with their plans.

Hitler's efforts at the moment are reminiscent of a juggler trying to keep several plates spinning at the same time.

Spinning In Rhythm

Italy, Japan, Spain and France all have to be kept spinning in rhythm and the task is proving more and more difficult. Italy appears to recent efforts to win France as the offer to Laval is largely at her expense, and Mussolini must realise that his partner feels him to be a liability rather than an asset at the moment. Despite the desperate straits of the Italian armies in Albania, there has not been the slightest gesture of help or even sympathy from Berlin.

Japan, whose association with the Axis was described as the greatest achievement in history, is also not running as the master juggler would like. The open pact against Communism entered into with the puppet government of Nanking is not likely to facilitate von Ribbentrop's aims to bring about a Soviet-Japanese agreement.

Russia And America

These two plates seem both to be working out of control. There is nothing to show that any change whatever in Russo-German relations has resulted from M. Molotov's visit to Berlin. Neither has there been any variation in Russia's attitude to Britain.

There has however, been a slight improvement in Soviet relations with the United States and in the circumstances this is very significant. It is felt that the tripartite pact was consciously directed against America. Finally, the position of Spain would appear to be unchanged and for the moment the question of Morocco is no longer being ventilated. This would also seem to have been sacrificed to the more immediate aim of winning France.

GROUNDING H. K. SHIP REFLOATED

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standing by ready to give assistance.

Extent of Damage Unknown

There is no indication as yet whether the ship is returning to Hongkong or proceeding to Hongkong where she was bound for to load coal, having left Hongkong on Monday. Nor is there any information to hand as to the extent of the damage. Further news is expected by the agents during the course of the day.

There are believed to be about five European members of the crew on board the Hellenic Trader which is of 3,000 tons deadweight. The ship was not carrying either cargo or passengers at the time of the accident.

Formerly under the Greek flag, being owned by the Greek Consul in Shanghai, the vessel is now under charter to the Tai Yau Steamship Company, Hongkong.

Ship At Hoihow

The latest news of the Hellenic Trade is that the ship is now anchored at Hoihow.

Kowloon Chess Club

The annual dinner of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held on Wednesday December 11, at the Peninsula Hotel at 8 p.m. Dress will be informal. The Club will assemble at 6.30 p.m. The dinner, prizes and during last season will be distributed.

Notice To Mariners

A Notice to Mariners issued by the Harbour Department states that anchorage is prohibited to all craft within the following portion of Taitung Wan in the Waters of the Colony:

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Lamma Channel

A Harbour office notice regarding the approaches to the East Lamma Channel issued in January this year is amended as follows:

River steamers and small craft using the East Lamma Channel are to follow the instructions contained in Notice to Mariners No. 23/1940 of January 22, 1940 except that they are not required to display Departure Signals.

If they cannot make Bluff Point and see the Port War Signal Station clearly, they are on no account to attempt to enter the East Lamma Channel without specific orders from the Naval Authorities.

LATE NEWS

Shanghai Blockade

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Through the intervention of the Consular body, the Japanese have relaxed somewhat the restrictions in the blockaded Western Area as regards foreigners, but Chinese are still finding the greatest difficulty in entering and leaving the district. Foreigners are now able to leave or enter the area by certain roads where all foreign pedestrian and vehicular traffic is being inspected by Japanese gendarmes and Japanese-controlled Chinese policemen.

The Chinese caught in the blockaded zone are becoming frantic as all stocks of foodstuffs in the district are exhausted. All shops in the area still remain closed while patrols of Japanese gendarmes and plainclothesmen are continuing to search residences.

Japanese officials are reported to have intimated that the restrictions would not be lifted until they are assured of the hopelessness of the hunt.

De Gaulle Sees New Nazi Move

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—General De Gaulle told "Reuter" today that the Germans will soon be making a new move, probably in the Mediterranean. He believes 1941 will see the air superiority of the Allies established. I do not think the Germans will wait for that but will try some important movement. I think they will carry the war into the Mediterranean, he declared.

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R.A.F. PLANES HARASS RETREATING ITALIANS: BIG RAID ON VALONA

LONDON, DEC. 3 (REUTER).—WHILE THE GREEK THREAT TO THE IONIAN PORT OF SANTI QUARANTA HAS BEEN INCREASING IN THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND THE ITALIANS IN THE ARGYRO-CASTRON SECTOR OF THE FRONT ARE REPORTED TO BE RETREATING EVEN MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY DID AT KORITZA, BRITISH BOMBER PLANES HAVE BEEN HARASSING THE ENEMY IN THE REAR.

R.A.F. Attacks Naples

Oil Refineries Set On Fire
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 3 (UP).—R.A.F. headquarters to-day announced that long-range bombers, while attacking Naples last night, started "large fires" in the oil refineries which were visible for 25 miles.
They also caused fires and explosions and fires on the main railway lines.

Railway Hit
CAIRO, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—A well placed stick of bombs straddled oil refineries and started a large fire which was visible 20 miles away, when the R.A.F. raided Naples on Monday night, says an R.A.F. communiqué.
Hits were registered on a railway main line. Other fires and explosions followed the dropping of bombs.
The communiqué states that all British aircraft returned safely.

East Africa
LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Fort Ad Ural in Italian East Africa, was raided by the R.A.F. yesterday and considerable damage was done to a major transport and Italian personnel. Zulu was also attacked.
Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts, and valuable information was obtained. From all operations British aircraft returned to their bases without loss, says the Air Ministry.

HONGKONG TO BUILD 11 SHIPS

Eleven ships, totalling over 100,000 tons, have been ordered for construction in Hongkong, and five keels have already been laid down.
The work is being shared by the Taihook Dockyard and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.
Each vessel is of 9,200 tons deadweight, and it is expected that they will be used as cargo ships.

S'hai Firemen Asking For Increased Wages

Special to the "Telegraph"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 3 (UP).—It is reported that the Chinese firemen who form the vast majority of the Municipal Council's excellent fire brigade are apparently following in the footsteps of the Chinese police, since they have presented demands to the Municipal Council asking for increased wages, more allowances, and better treatment.
It is generally believed that most of the demands will be met, since it is a well known fact that the Chinese firemen are lowly paid, despite the dangers of their tasks.
New Strike Threat
SHANGHAI, Dec. 3 (UP).—While the Municipal Council is considering the firemen's demands, the Chinese workers and management are wrangling over the terms of a new contract.

Valona, a port to which the Italians retreating from the Argyro-Castron sector would naturally withdraw, was yesterday heavily bombed by the R.A.F.

In spite of bad weather and large Italian fighter patrols, the attack was pressed home. A fire was started in a large building near the harbour, and was followed by a series of loud explosions.

A stick of bombs fell on the main jetty, and a ship received a direct hit. One Italian fighter was shot down.

BRISTOL HEAVILY BOMBED

Four-Hour Raid
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BRISTOL, Dec. 3 (UP).—German bombers, coming through at three-minute intervals, attacked Bristol for four hours last night—the second time in 24 hours. Severe damage was caused and there were many casualties.

Single Raiders
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security jointly states that single raiders flew in flights over East Anglia and the south coast of England. Some reached the London area and bombed the outskirts. Bombs were also dropped on Sussex and East Anglia where the damage and casualties were slight.

Cinema Bombed
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—A dozen incendiary bombs fell on the roof of a cinema to-day showering the audience with sparks and plaster.

Despite unfavourable weather, raiders were over the London area. They flew in over the coast at frequent intervals throughout the night, and were followed by brisk barrages. In the London area the A.A. batteries were in action the earliest for many days, brief sharp bursts of fire being heard at 4.30 p.m.

Japanese Planes Brought Down

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
KUNMING, Dec. 3 (UP).—Two Japanese planes, off-course, are down on the Loshan Mountain near Koting.
The town of Tsutsen, 15 miles from Mengtse, was bombed at 11.30 a.m. to-day by six Japanese planes. Scores of Chinese and Annamites, and two Frenchmen were killed.

In the Argyro-Castron sector, one British fighter shot down an Italian reconnaissance plane.

"One of Our Best Raids"
On the return from Valona raid, the leader of the R.A.F. formation said: "It was one of our best raids. We had to come rather low because of the clouds, and fighters were waiting for us, but while they chased one flight of our bombers, another went in and dropped its bombs. We saw a big blaze among the warehouses with a tall column of black smoke above. It looked as if we had hit something of vital importance. Practically all our bombs registered direct hits. We all got back O.K."

Retreat Continues
Monastir (Yugo-Slavia), Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian Army is again retreating after making a stand north of Pogradetz on the shores of Lake Ochrid. Further west a vigorous Italian counter attack was smashed with great loss of men and material.

Fleeing To El Bassan
YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIAN BORDER, Dec. 3.—After making a stand on the shores of Lake Ochrid, the Italians are on the retreat. Some of them are retreating towards El Bassan, 40 miles north-west of Pogradetz on the road to Tirana while others are skirting Lake Ochrid to the east.
A heavy snowfall, now more than six feet deep on Mount Kamia, is holding up the Greek pursuit but strenuous efforts are being made to overcome the difficulties of supply.

Greeks Advance
ATHENS, Dec. 3 (Noon) (UP).—"United Press" correspondents with the Greek forces telegraphed to-day that the Greek advance is continuing on the Koritza front and the Epirus coastal section, with the Greeks now twice as far into Albania as the Italians ever penetrated into Greece. Nicholas Vokar telephoned from Pogradetz that the Western Macedonian Army had taken the first heights overlooking Lake Ochrid.

"From this shell-battered village the retreating Italians are visible along the road winding alongside the Lake," he said.
The correspondent said the Italians have dug trenches along the foothills sloping down to the lake while the Greeks have taken up positions only 400 yards away.
"Another 'United Press' correspondent with the Greek advance forces 'somewhere on the Epirus coastal sector' telegraphed stating that the Greeks are deep into Albania and that the heavy snowfall is continuing. In the heights where the Greek Evzones have forced and taken each Italian Alpine force since the weather is cold and terrible, the correspondent said.

BRITAIN AVOIDS EPIDEMICS

Nation's Health Good
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—In a radio broadcast to-day Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister for Health, denied the rumours that epidemics have broken out in Britain, but warned that "Hitler's allies"—pestilence and disease—are most threatening in the winter.
"He said that Britain has survived the second autumn of the war 'with rather less scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, pneumonia and influenza, paratyphoid, than the country is accustomed to in the days of peace, while the incidence of cerebro-spinal fever is not alarming."

FEARLESSLY WATCH RAID

Deep in a trench, which was their nearest shelter to hand, these young English boys and girls fearlessly and intently watch an aerial combat overhead between British fighters and German raiders. Hitler and Goering have tried their utmost to frighten British women and children into panic and defeat, but have failed miserably, as this magnificent photographic study reveals.



60 BRITISH CARGO SHIPS TO BE BUILT IN AMERICA

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Minister of Shipping, Mr. Ronald Cross, announced that orders have already been placed in America for the construction of 60 cargo vessels, "in addition to the serviceable United States' vessels which have been, and will continue to be purchased."
"Everything possible is being done to get ships with the greatest facility," added Mr. Cross.

AMERICAN SHIPS FOR ENGLAND

Sales To Be Made
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—It is understood that the United States will soon release thousands of tons of merchant shipping for the purpose of assisting Britain to maintain her supply lines against sea raiders.

During the last 48 hours officials have completed plans for the release of all tonnage the nation is able to spare.
"We are making every effort to see the British get more tonnage," one high official said.
The Maritime Commission has approved the sale of four American owned vessels to Britain. This makes a total of 130 vessels sold to Britain since the war commenced.
Within the next few days the Commission proposes to offer for sale 10 units from a laid-up fleet of merchant ships.

Credits For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Further steps in the China credit situation are at present in the hands of the Treasury Department and the Export and Import Bank. Mr. Cordell Hull said at to-day's press conference.
"He said that he had had numerous discussions with the Treasury and does not expect to confer with him again at present."

EXPRESSES COLLIDE

55 Killed
MADRID, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Fifty-five people were killed and over eighty were injured in a collision between an express train from Madrid and another from Barcelona to-day. The accident occurred near an isolated station, Velilla, where the lines crossed.
Rescue work was made difficult by the isolation of the district and the bitter cold. Some of the people injured died of exposure.
Rescue trains have taken the injured to Saragossa.
The cause of the accident is unknown.

Ship Attacked
NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (UP).—MacKay Radio reported to-day that the steamer Salvia was attacked in Lat. 54.40 north, Long. 18.10 west at 10.47 GMT.

Week's Results
LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—During the week ending November 15 enemy action accounted for 19 British ships totalling 75,000 tons, and three allied vessels totalling nearly 12,500 tons.

These figures are above the weekly average but are not half of those in the worst week. The Germans are putting into service their new submarines and now have the whole of the French coast to use for bases. British experts are hard at work devising ways of meeting the problem while a steady stream of new warships is going into service.

Raid on Lorient
Some of the new U-boats never even got to sea.
That is the story behind the reported R.A.F. raids on Lorient which TURN to Back Page, Column 5.

Grounded H.K. Ship Refloated: Japanese Vessel Goes To Rescue

The Panama steamer Hellenic Trader, which went aground in an exposed position in Hainan Straits at 8 p.m. yesterday, was re-floated at 2 o'clock this morning, according to a wireless message received in Hongkong by the agents Messrs. Mollers Ltd.

NO MAJOR FIGHTING Thai-Indo-China Border Quieter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Dec. 3 (UP).—There were no reports of major fighting to-day, and it is therefore hoped by the officials that M. Garreau's negotiations at Bangkok will be successful prior to the coming of the dry season which would act as an impetus to large scale hostilities.
On Sunday and Monday night, Thailand's machine-gunned Thukhet. A Thailand plane dropped pamphlets on the Mekong river villages and there was sporadic fighting reported in the border sector between Vientiane and the Gulf of Siam; however, these were mainly localized incidents.

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Intimation of the vessel's plight was first received in a "United Press" message from Manila, stating that an S.O.S. had been received from the vessel saying she was stranded and breaking up and required assistance.
The tug Henry Keswick was promptly sent from the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, but according to the message received by the local agents the ship was re-floated before the arrival of the tug, possibly under her own power.
It is understood that the Japanese ship Taiyoku Maru has answered the Hellenic Trader's distress call and is now TURN to Back Page, Column 5.

U. S. AND JAPAN Major Crisis May Be Near

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—"A major crisis in relations between Japan and the United States may not be far away. If the recent veiled threat by the 'Domei' news agency is to be taken at its face-value," declares the "Washington Star" in an editorial to-day.
The paper said that "Domei" asserted that Japan and the Nanking regime may have to take drastic measures against the United States.
It added that Japan's recognition of Wang Ching-wei is little more than a "diplomatic joke," but pointed out that it has a "serious, perhaps ominous side."

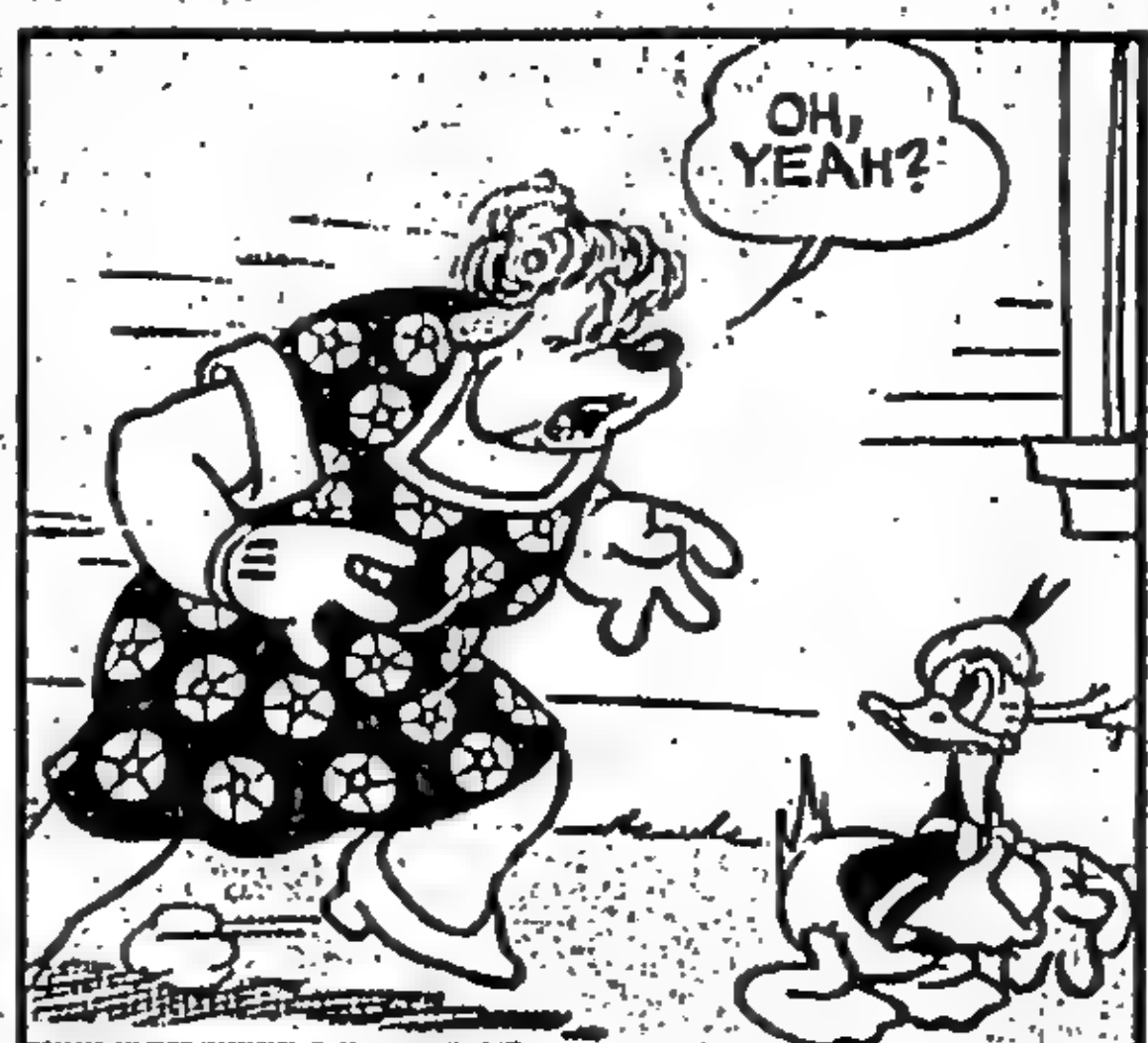
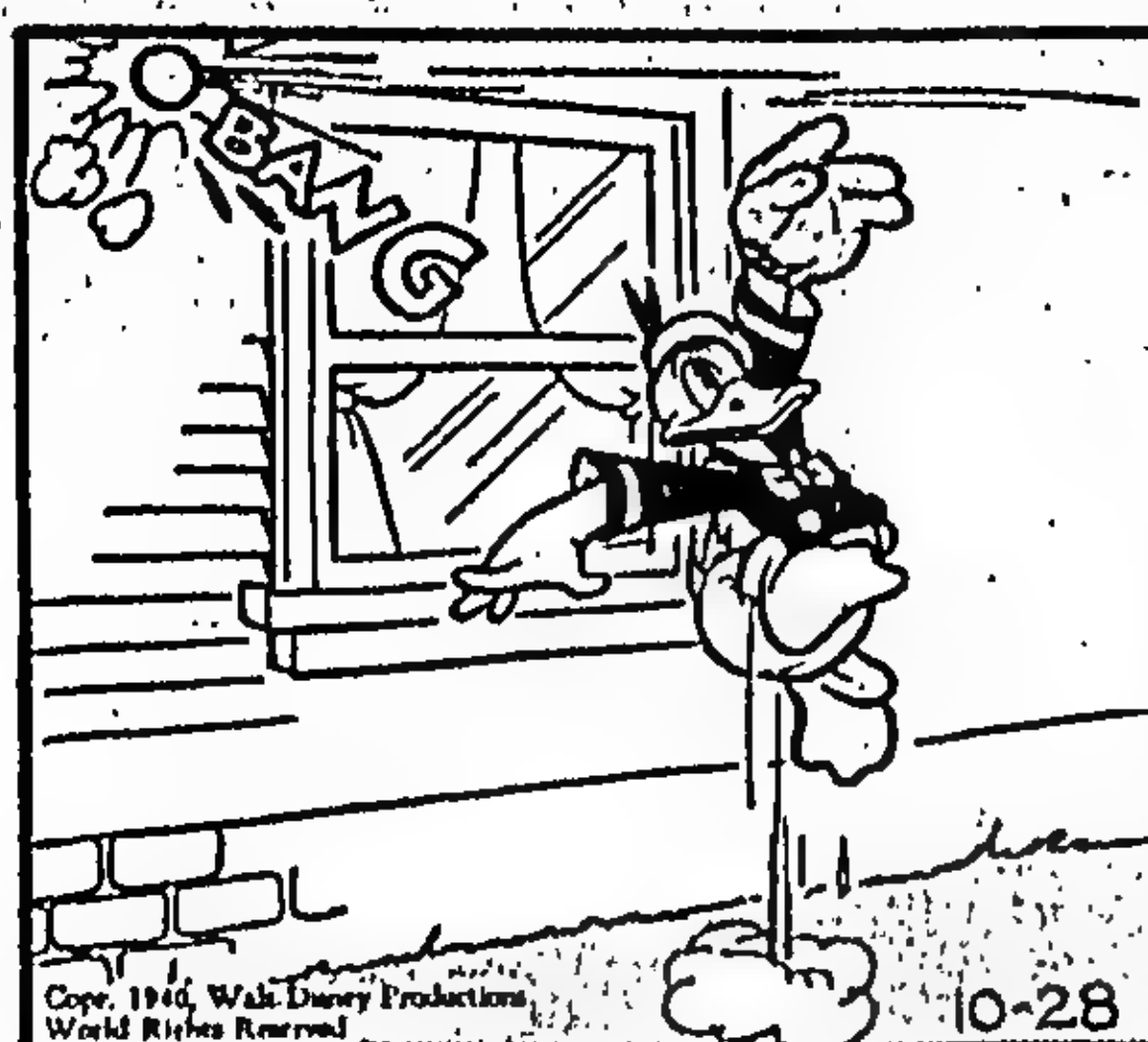
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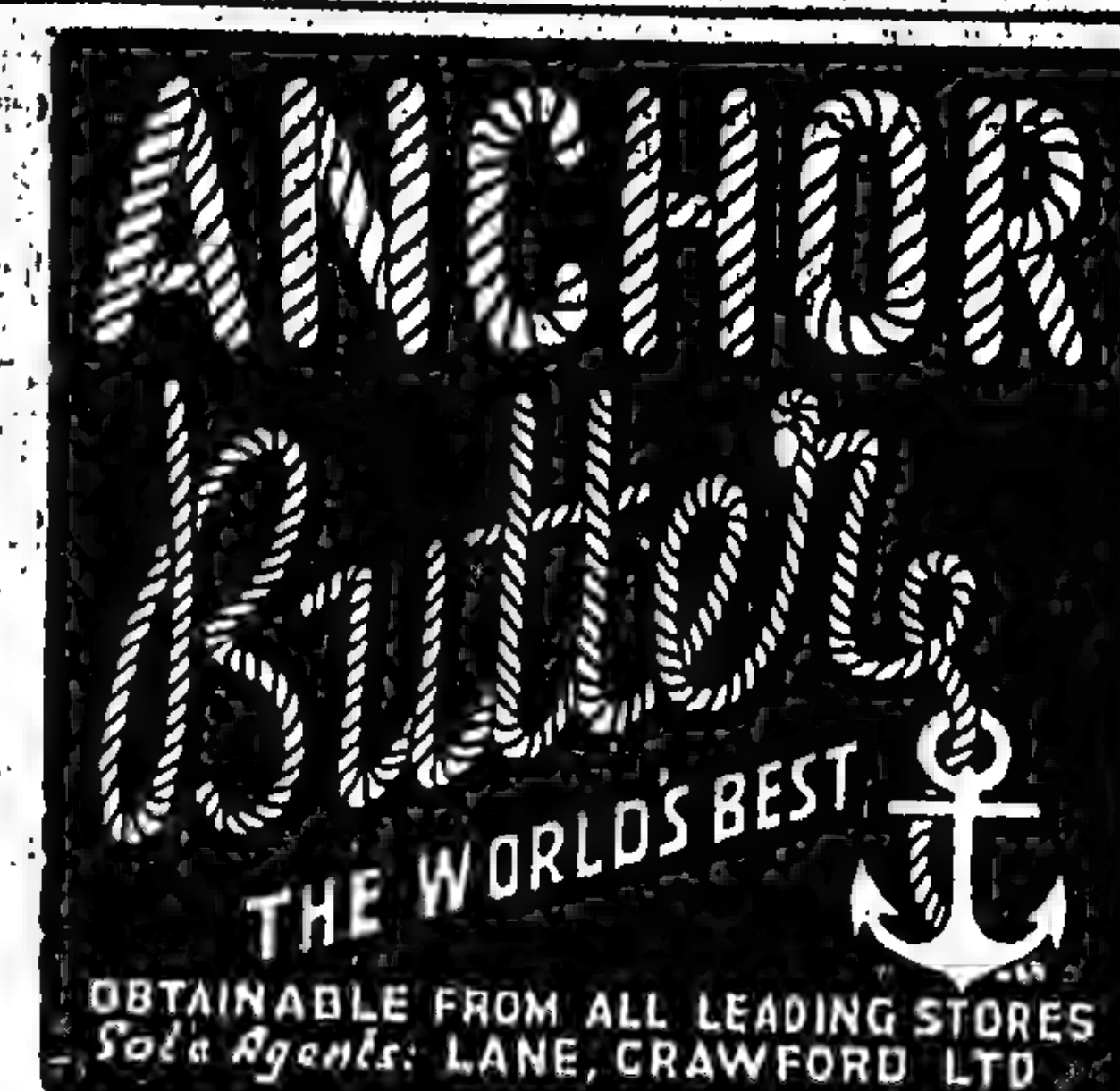
Rumanians Reproved For Revisionist Talk

BASLE, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Germany has given Rumania a sharp reminder of the Vienna Award under which Rumania was forced to cede part of Transylvania to Hungary, writes the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten".
The reminder was prompted by the speeches of Premier Antonescu and Vice Premier, Sila, on Sunday, bitterly re-senting the cession.
Wilhelmstrasse officials brand the speeches as revisionist and declare that Germany will hold fast to the Vienna Award. The speeches caused great surprise in Hungary where they were interpreted as meaning that Rumania was rebelling against the award and also against the tripartite pact to which she had adhered ten days previously.
Hungary is working to prevent about 4,000 Rumanian soldiers from leaving the country, says the "Basler Nachrichten".

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney



Tiger Standish, Ace of British Intelligence Agents Saves a Minister's Wife From Danger in

SIR WILLIAM MALTBY SPLUCKED AT THE LOOSE FLESH BENEATH HIS CHIN.

"I feel it is only right to tell you, Sir Lessington," he said, in an aggrieved tone, "that I can't possibly imagine that anything is really wrong with my wife. She lives a life of pure enjoyment, so far as I can tell, and, what is more, she has just returned from a holiday in Somerset. At her age—she is only 27—she ought to be in the very pink of condition."

The Secretary for National Security looked at the famous neurologist as though he expected an answer straight away.

Sir Lessington Cross was discreetly non-committal. "I shall have to see Lady Maltby before I can come to any opinion."

Sir William fidgeted with his tie. "As I desire you may imagine," he continued self-importantly, "I am a pretty busy man these days; and, as I am already late for an important conference in Whitehall, you will have to excuse me."

With that, the plump, well-preserved man of sixty, who carried himself with an air of not unlikeable pomposity, shook hands and walked out into the hall where his butler was waiting with hat and coat. A couple of minutes later he was in his car, speeding through the Park.

The nerve specialist, now alone, smiled to himself at the profound lack of discernment in the human race, as exemplified by this politician. There were any of a dozen causes that might account for Lady Maltby's sudden nervous collapse, as described to him over the telephone at Wimpole Street that morning. But, because Maltby himself was a very fit man (although much too stout) and because he was so absorbed in the important Cabinet post he filled (not without many acrid questions being fired at him from members of all parties in the House), he resented being unable to understand why a wife, less than half his own age, should be ill.

Five minutes later, Cross was seated on a chair by the side of his patient. The bedroom showed that its owner was a woman possessing not only wealth but also artistic taste.

And the woman herself? Well, he admitted, she was undeniably attractive, even if her beauty now was marred by an expression of such intense anxiety that his professional interest had become immediately aroused.

After five minutes' questioning, during which she seemed to be putting him off with at least half-truths, he proceeded to the necessary examination. Finally, putting aside his stethoscope, he resumed his seat at the side of the bed.

"I am very glad to be able to tell you, Lady Maltby, that I can find nothing very wrong. In fact, your physical condition is quite satisfactory. I am afraid I cannot say the same about your nervous system, however; you appear to have sustained some rather severe shock quite recently. Am I right?"

"I have been very worried lately." The words came out so quickly that they were jumbled.

"Can you tell me what about? You see, it's a help to a doctor to know the underlying cause of a patient's complaint." Again she put him off with a half-truth.

"Oh, it's nothing very much . . . it's just London I think . . . I feel . . . as though there are too many people about, as though they were all pressing round me . . . Is there any illness or complaint, doctor, which could account for that?"

Perhaps one of the shrewdest readers of character amongst his profession, the neurologist pretended to take her question seriously.

"Oh, yes, I have a patient now, for instance, who is afraid to enter any crowded building; it's torture to him to go to the theatre—three times in one week he has made the effort and each time he has been seized by a kind of nervous panic and had to come out. He will get better, but these things take time, of course. And, with a smile of good-humoured reproach, "you are not nearly as bad as he is. Your husband tells me that you have just come back from a holiday in the country, Lady Maltby."

Innocent enough words in all truth, yet they brought a spasm of what Sir Lessington knew must be fear—stark and dreadful—into the face of this new patient.

"Why did he tell you that? William is always interfering with my affairs, my comings and goings."

To soothe her, he caught hold of her hand.

"You must not blame your husband, Lady Maltby; he is only too anxious, as I am of course, to see you get well. Before I came up here I had a brief talk with Sir Williams, who had waited for me, and he merely mentioned in passing that you had been away to Somerset. Now,"—the pressure on her hand increasing—"remember that a doctor is like a lawyer or a priest—whatever you tell him is sacred."

"Why should you say such a thing as that?" Instead of calming her, he had brought back that expression of dreadful fear into her eyes.

"The only reason I said it was because it is obvious to me, as a doctor, that your present high-nervous condition is due, not to any physical cause—not, in other words, to illness of any kind, but to some foolish obsession which you have."

"What makes you afraid, Lady Maltby?"

"I'm not afraid! Why should I be afraid?" He shook his head.

"I am very busy man, Lady Maltby," he said, and now his voice was stern; "I have been called in by your husband to treat you for what he thought might be a nervous collapse. I want to help you—but I have no time to waste on difficult patients. If you will not give me your confidence, I am afraid you will have to seek other advice. Unlike some of my colleagues, perhaps, I believe in being perfectly frank with a patient. Now, Lady Maltby, I cannot help you unless you tell me your trouble; if you feel you can't, then I am wasting both your time and my own. I quite appreciate that I am here at your husband's request and not at your own."

Wearing the same expression as the nurse at St. Christopher's Hospital knew so well, when they had perfected an essential duty, the famous neurologist walked stuffy out of the room.

The RELUCTANT CAD

By Sidney Horler

THAT NIGHT, SIR LESSINGTON DINED WITH TIGER STANDISH. The son of the Earl of Quorn and he, in spite of the twenty years' difference in their ages, were close friends—so close indeed, that Standish, watching the distraught manner of his companion, began to rally him in characteristic fashion.

"What's the matter, Smudge?" he chided, giving the other the nickname he had coined because of the scar on Cross's left cheek, the legacy of a racing-car smash at Brooklands ten years before; "you look as though you've got all tangled up with a skeleton and it has given you a left hook to the jaw."

"I am in one hell of a spot, my boy," he said. Standish whistled.

"You're not going to tell me you've been playing the fool with one of your more stuffy patients?"

"Don't be an ass—I'm serious,"—and the tone convinced his listener this was, if anything, an understatement.

"Can I help?" now asked Tiger, soberly.

"That's just the problem," replied the other. "I feel I ought to tell you something, something that is worrying me very much, and yet . . . well, I can't."

"If you can't, you can't—and there's an end of it . . . All right, come on; this place gets more like a morgue every day. I'm sure that old fellow over there has been dead for nearly a fortnight. Let's go along to the Criterion. I'm told it's quite a good farce; you will be able to snap out of yourself."

ENTERING HIS HOUSE IN CHAPEL STREET the following morning, Tiger had a very agreeable surprise. The usually severely-episcopalian face of Bates, his butler, was slightly relaxed.

"Hello, Bates, you look as though you'd beat the winner of the 3,200."

The butler took his overcoat and brushed off an imaginary speck of dust.

"Thank you, sir—and then even more humanity showing in his face: "Mrs. Standish is back, sir."

"WHAT?" Pushing the speaker to one side, Tiger raced upstairs to his wife's room.

"What's the meaning of this, Heart of Jade?" he demanded of the slim and attractive girl who turned, radiant-eyed, as he swung open the door.

"Tiger, darling, you'll be breaking my ribs one of these days!" Sonia expostulated. "Sit down and listen; I felt I had to come up for a break—poor Aunt Caroline and her enervated rather get on my nerves sometimes, and so here I am. Two whole days I'm going to be in London, so you'll have every opportunity of making a fuss of me. I want to shop, to lunch at the Berkeley, to see at least two shows . . ."

She clasped her hands like a child at the prospect. "Now, if you're a very good boy, you shall have ten with me. I'll be ready in exactly three minutes."

When Sonia came downstairs she found him absorbed in what looked like a letter—so absorbed, in fact, that he did not even look up when she came and put a hand on his shoulder.

"Tiger," she said, reproachfully.

"Sorry, my sweet," he replied, "but . . ."

He waved the sheet of paper which he had been studying, as though offering it as an excuse for his absence of mind.

"I say," he went on quickly, "you know Isabel Tarrant before she married that monumental ass, Maltby, didn't you?"

His wife nodded.

"Yes, we were at school together in Switzerland. But why on earth are you talking about Isabel Maltby now?" Then, suddenly, "Tiger, you've got better taste than that, surely?"

"What do you mean, 'better taste'?" Are you accusing me of poodle-faking directly your back's turned?"

"Well, not exactly, but why are you talking about Isabel Maltby? She's always been a bit of a fizzer! I suppose I ought not to tell stories out of school, but . . . well . . . only last week I saw her in a hotel at Wells."

"With a man?"

Surprised at the gravity of her husband's face, she nodded.

"Of course! The extremely attractive Isabel hasn't much use for her own sex. Now, Tiger . . ."

"Wait a little, my dear, I'll explain it all later. Tell me, what was this man like?"

"Oh, well-dressed, a bit foreign-looking in a way. If he had not been so . . . I don't know, I thought he was a German—his name was probably a Swedish. Isabel is quite metropolitan, you know."

"Don't be a cat?"

"Any woman can be a cat when she has to defend her young."

"By 'young', do you mean my humble self?"

"I refuse to say another word until you tell me what all this mystery is about."

Tiger resorted to a piece of childish ritual. Putting the tip of his right index finger against his tongue, he then held it up.

"See that well?" he quoted.

His wife, knowing that before he would give her his full confidence she must exchange this childish oath, wetted the tip of her own finger and drew it across her neck.

"See this wet, see this dry; hi-tiddy-hi-ti . . . All right, Tiger,"—serious now—"mum's the word!"

Satisfied that no power on earth would ever make her go back on this pledge, he tossed the sheet of paper he had been studying over to her. Sonia straightened it out and read the typewritten note with puzzled eyes.

"This country cannot afford to have any open or covert traitors. Tiger Standish is advised in this connection to keep his eye on the company which Lady Maltby, wife of the Secretary for National Security, frequents. This communication is sent in the strictest confidence."

"I hate anonymous letters!" declared Sonia, putting the paper aside as though it soiled her hands.

"So do I," replied her husband, "but, all the same, human nature is damned queer in wartime, my sweet. I think I will get you to describe the Swedish gentleman a little more minutely."

REPORTING, AS USUAL, TO SIR HARKER BELLAMY an hour later, Tiger found "The Mole" (as Bellamy was often referred to), in one of his more waspish moods. It was a curious mental quirk of Bellamy's that he was never so bad-tempered as when there was a temporary lull of work. He turned a pair of lack-lustre eyes on his favourite agent as Standish entered the room.

"Nothing for you," he said, gloomily; "we seem to have cleaned up all the Nasties for the time being."

"Fine!" declared Standish; "then I shall be able to elude your beastly clutches and get into uniform of some kind!"

This stung Bellamy.

"Not on your life!" he growled; "something will crop up very soon; meanwhile you can take a 'day or so off'—that is, as long as you let me know where I can reach you by telephone."

AS SHE HEARD THE FAINT TRILLING IN THE NEXT ROOM, Lady Maltby shivered. The maid entered.

"The telephone, my lady."

"Thank you, Mitchell."

As she walked to the door, she wondered if the maid noticed her unsteady gait. The strain of the past two days had been almost unbearable. And now this human devil was pressing her again . . .

With a hand that shook, she took off the receiver.

"Lady Maltby?" she heard.

"Yes . . . who is it?" As though she did not know. "The new patterns have arrived, my lady; perhaps you would be kind enough to look in sometime? This evening at nine o'clock would suit. You will? Thank you very much, my lady."

She had not said a word, but such was the power the speaker held over her, he had insolently taken her acquiescence for granted.

"Hello, Isabel!"

The door had opened without her hearing it, but the sound of her husband's voice, coming at that moment, was so startling. She fell backwards, dragging the instrument with her to the floor.

"Isabel! You're ill again! Shall I phone that fellow Cross?"

The words seemed to come from a great distance; she was rapidly losing consciousness; all she could remember afterwards was saying quickly, "No!—No!—No! NOT CROSS, I can't stand him,"—and then blackness swallowed her.

Sir William Maltby looked what he was, a man both perplexed and worried. Mixed with these two emotions, was yet a third—anger. With these two emotions, as to behave in this manner? Surely he had enough on his mind without being upset in such a way! It was most thoughtless. But perhaps he had only himself to blame after all; he should never have married a girl who had such poor control over her feelings. She could not help being ill, of course, but he had called in the best man possible, and with what results? Why, she had just said that she could not stand Cross?

Feeling that his endurance was at an end, he rang the bell.

"Your mistress has fainted," he said to the maid who was endeavouring to hide her astonishment. "Ring up Dr. Hoskins and ask him to come round immediately; then tell Louise to come here at once."

Having done all he considered possible, Sir William Maltby stalked away.

THE MAN'S FACE WAS MERELY A BLUR: the desk lamp had been turned round so that the light fell on the visitor. It showed a woman ravaged by fear.

"I tell you I can't do it!"

"My dear Isabel, the man who sat in the shadows returned, 'haven't you righteous English a saying something to the effect that nothing is impossible providing the heart is sufficiently courageous? If you haven't, you should have, because it so typifies a certain type of British hypocrisy. You tell me you find it impossible to obtain the information I require—but you are the wife of the Secretary of the National Security Department. You are in his confidence, I suppose?'"

She clutched at the straw.

"You don't know my husband; he never talks about his work to me."

The other was unrelenting.

"Perhaps not, but it is my information that he keeps a lot of papers in the safe in his library at 407 Hans Place. I happen to have obtained the combination of that safe—"

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Question of Retaliation

THE German Luftwaffe has laid the inoffensive city of Southampton in ruins, killing and wounding hundreds of non-combatant civilians and rendering thousands more homeless. This act serves once again to remind one of the utter barbarity of modern warfare as practised by the Huns. Coming so swiftly, too, upon the "horror" bombings of Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham and London, the old argument as to whether Britain should or should not indulge in reprisals of a like nature is immediately resurrected.

If numbers are taken into account the "retaliationists" are fairly certain to be in the majority; many of them are just longing for it. Among their arguments is this: in the last war the Germans were guilty of first using gas, a treacherous and brutal deed. To have allowed our soldiers to be thus victimised without protection would have been intolerable. Therefore, the Allies were forced to use the same weapon, and they gave the Huns more than they received. The wind factor was generally in favour of the Allies; and probably the enemy regretted that they had started this vile breach of international law. But before the war was over they had covered themselves with infamy in their cold-blooded disregard of all law.

Another argument—and one that opens up a wide field of controversy—is that there are no German civilians. According to the Nazi philosophy, all Germans, men, women and children, belong body and soul, to the State machinery alike for war and peace. The only civilians in Germany are in the concentration camps and prisons.

Retaliation for the sheer sake of it has always been abhorrent to the Englishman's nature; he prefers to keep his fighting clean. But just as the Huns in the last war forced the Allies into adopting German methods, and ruled the day accordingly, so will Hitler, if he persists in

"YOU see," said the smiling, suave Siamese officer, speaking in excellent English, "they understand when I talk to them in Siamese; they are the same people as ourselves." They were the sturdy Thos of the mountain-country near the Tongking-Chinese frontier.

The speaker was a member of the Siamese military mission which toured French Indo-China in the early part of last year. As the general commanding the French forces said to me after the Thailanders had left, "We showed them all there was to see," and then he added cryptically, "even more than there was to see."

One wonders if the subtle Siamese were as glib as in their politeness they seemed. They certainly admired the admirable network of good roads with which the French have criss-crossed Indo-China, especially as Siam is an almost roadless country; but the Thailanders could hardly have spent several weeks in French territory without having formed a very shrewd idea of the disaffection of the native Annamese population and of the naval and military weakness of the French in their Far Eastern dominion.

"Thailand"

Soon after the Siamese military mission had returned home the name of their country was officially changed to "Thailand," and the change was no mere academic one.

"Indo-China" is a word that suggests a mingling of India and China, but as a matter of fact the French Indo-Chinese Union was a political entity with no geographical, cultural or historical basis. The French possessions fell into two sharply contrasted parts.

From the bend of the Mekong river (where it curves round to border the eastern bulge of Siamese territory) down to its delta, the great stream divides roughly what is "Indian" by culture from what is "Chinese" by civilisation. Northwards the line of cultural division follows the crest of the mountains so as to leave within the "Indian" zone all the Laos country.

The transition from the one zone to the other is most marked when you go westwards from the little Cochinchina (that is "Little China") into Cambodia. Within a few miles you are in a new world. You have crossed the dividing line between the Far East and the Middle East.

China Into India

You leave the little Chinese-looking huts with their good-luck streamers of red paper inscribed with Chinese characters, the little Mongoloid black-clad men and women under limpet hats who totter unsmilingly along the road weighed down

his present terrorising tactics, demand and receive, the Wrathful vengeance of the British air force. The thought of Europe's loveliest cities being laid waste is repellent, but if Hitler imagines that by doing this to England he can win the war, Britain will be bound to prove to him, by retaliation, that he is wrong.

ALAN HOUGHTON BRODRICK

discusses some of the political possibilities which lie behind the establishment of a foothold in France's Far Eastern possession by Japan, with particular reference to

THAILAND'S DESIGNS for share in INDO-CHINA

with heavy burdens slung from bamboo shoulder-poles, the joss-houses, the spirit-screens, the far-reaching paddies and the sugar-cane plantations and the dusty, dry, aromatic smell of China. Suddenly you look around you on the wide, mostly uncultivated plains dotted with bottle-boled sugar-palms. The country-side no longer heaves with hundreds of thousands of busy figures. You are among a few leisurely, strolling, smiling people, taller, more bronzed, more muscular, more like ourselves.

The Cambodians seem to have but little to do. They sit, with a sash tied about their waists, and watch their impish children play. Buddhist monks with shaven heads move slowly by, clad in canary-coloured robes. The

their protectorate of Cambodia the two provinces of Battambang and Siem-Keap, in the latter of which is situated Angkor.

By the changing of the name of Siam to Thailand the Bangkok Government tacitly staked its claim to the control of all the lands inhabited by speakers of the Thai languages. At the time the claim seemed ambitious, but the swift march of events looks like making at least part of the Siamese dream into a reality.

Almost simultaneously with the Japanese demands on the French—demands for the pas-

States and the Burmese Shan States should be one. With regard to the French, however, whose prestige has sunk to its nadir, the Thailanders threaten that if their demands are not met the non-aggression treaty will not be ratified.

Even in present circumstances they would hardly have dared to use such language were they not sure of the support of powerful friends. The powerful friends do not, of course, do anything for nothing.

Siam is strategically and economically a country of the highest importance. Although it is wedged in between French and British territory in the north and bounded by the frontier of British Malaya in the extreme south, the Siamese section of the Malay peninsula has outlets on both seas—the China Sea to the east and the Gulf of Bengal to the west.

Kra Canal Rumours

Although all the rumours about the cutting of the Kra canal to connect the two seas can be, for the moment, disregarded, some progress has been made with the construction of a highway across the peninsula from Chumphon on the east to Kraburi on the west, with an extension to the tin centre, Renong.

A beginning has already been achieved towards the equipment of two small naval bases, which might be suitable for submarines, and at least one of these, Singora, on the Gulf of Siam, about 150 miles north of the British Malaya frontier, has been demanded on lease by the Japanese. We shall no doubt hear more of this after the "good will" mission has returned from Tokyo.

The Japanese in control of the naval bases at Haiphong in Tongking, Tourane and Camranh in Annam and installed in the Malay peninsula would be masters of the coasts of the China Sea and the not too distant neighbours of Singapore.

Economically Siam is underdeveloped. More than four-fifths of the 15,000,000 inhabitants are rice growers, and the Japanese, pressed by the urgent problem of finding a substitute for American cotton, mean to make the Thailanders switch over to cotton cultivation at least in part. French Indo-China alone can meet the Japanese needs for imported rice. Thailand's rubber production can be immensely increased. There are almost inexhaustible supplies of hard woods. The northern hills are probably rich in minerals, and Siam lies right athwart the tin belt of eastern Asia.

Japan's Real Aim

Japan's plan for the moment seems to be economic predominance until the Chinese situation has been in some way cleared up. The long-distance plans of the Japanese undoubtedly comprise political control.

Tokyo would like to see back again the ideal state of things portrayed on the old maps: "Empire of Annam," under a puppet emperor like another Manchukuo, and "Empire of Siam"—as such an economic and, consequently, a political dependency as the Japanese hope to make North China.

It remains to be seen how the little peoples of the south-east will like the ruthless methods of Nippon. As a shrewd Annamese once said to me: "We fear the Japanese because, since they are like ourselves, Orientals, we shall never be able to hide from wilder men in Bangkok have them what we think 'what we desire and what we hope to do'."

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sage of troops, and the "leaving" of air and naval bases that entirely change the status of Indo-China and open that country to Japanese penetration and influence—the Siamese also presented their claims.

The Bangkok Government wants a frontier rectification in the Savannakhet region, the cession of the huge and potentially valuable Laos country, and the retrocession of the Battambang and Siem-Keap provinces. Nothing is as yet said about Cambodia, formerly a tributary State of the Siamese.

There is little doubt that these demands were made with the approval of the Japanese, and they were probably made at the instigation of the Tokyo Government as part of their schemes for a "New Order in Asia." This year the Siamese Military Mission, under the command of the Vice-Minister for National Defence, has gone to Japan on a "good will" errand and arrived in Tokyo on Sept. 20.

A short time ago the Thailand Government signed non-aggression treaties with their neighbours, Great Britain and France. The Siamese have no sort of claim to any British controlled territory, although some of the wilder men in Bangkok have hinted that the Siamese Shan

After the occupation of Indo-China by the French and the establishment of our suzerainty over Burma, the continued existence of Siam as an independent State was due to Anglo-French rivalry in the twenties of the last century. At the beginning of this century the French forced the Siamese to cede to

Tripartite Nations Flounder Deeply In Morass Of Discord

From "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Hitler's first approach to Marshal Petain having failed it would seem that the Fuehrer is now attempting to redeem his failure by guile. By arranging for the veteran French leader to return to Versailles, the Germans, with the aid of Laval, the Vice Premier, are pursuing a double object.

At Versailles, Petain will not be able to exercise the same control over all branches of the administration of unoccupied France thus leaving Laval a freer hand, and at the same time Petain will be exposed to the attention of his German masters who may be expected to use all their arts to flatter him into agreeing with their plans.

Hitler's efforts at the moment are reminiscent of a juggler trying to keep several plates spinning at the same time.

Spinning In Rhythm

Italy, Japan, Spain and France all have to be kept spinning in rhythm and the task is proving more and more difficult. Italy appears to resent efforts to win France as the offer to Laval is largely at her expense, and Mussolini must realise that his partner feels him to be a liability rather than an asset at the moment.

Despite the desperate straits of the Italian armies in Albania, there has not been the slightest gesture of help or even sympathy from Berlin.

Japan, whose association with the Axis was described as the greatest achievement in history, is also not running as the master juggler would like. The open pact against Communism entered into with the puppet government of Nanking is not likely to facilitate von Ribbentrop's aims.

to bring about a Soviet-Japanese agreement.

Russia And America

These two plates seem both to be working out of control. There is nothing to show that any change whatsoever in Russo-German relations has resulted from Mr. Molotov's visit to Berlin. Neither has there been any variation in Russia's attitude to Britain.

There has however, been a slight improvement in Soviet relations with the United States and in the circumstances this is very significant seeing that the tripartite pact was ostensibly directed against America.

Finally, the position of Spain would appear to be unchanged and for the moment the question of Morocco is no longer being ventilated. This would also seem to have been sacrificed to the more immediate aim of winning France.

OLD ARAB EDITION OF GOSPEL FOUND

Monks of the famous Ambrosian library, has announced the discovery of an ancient Arab edition of the Gospel of St. John. The volume, discovered while cataloguing a collection of old Arabic volumes, was perfectly preserved despite its great age, which is as yet undetermined.

Tibet Road Triumph A Battle With Elements

CHUNGKING, Dec. 3.—The 170-mile highway connecting Szechuen with Sikong has at last been completed and when surfacing has been improved, regular bus and freight services will be maintained between Chengtu, Yaan and Tachienlu.

This road, known as the Inner Tibet Highway, has been constructed as a result of 30 months' fight against the elements by 150,000 workers, who had to struggle against snow, ice, wind, hunger and various diseases in their effort to complete this subsidiary Chinese lifeline within the appointed time.

The nature of the terrain caused many delays and great engineering

difficulties. One problem to be faced was that of blasting a way through the mountainous country which is the principal feature of the region. It took 3,000 workers six months to cut through 50 miles of rock at a height over 10,000 feet from Erlangshan Ridge. Many workers died or suffered severely from the effects of frostbite.—Reuter.

MYSTERY PLANE

Amazing Speed Reported

Rome, Dec. 2. It is reliably stated that Colonel Mario de Bernardi, Schneider cup winner, reached a speed of 225 miles per hour while testing Italy's new mystery propellerless plane, which is operated by compressed gas. According to aviation experts, the invention is being perfected and still further efforts are being made to attain a speed of 3,000 miles per hour.—United Press.

Bigger Italian Army

Rome, Dec. 2. It is officially announced that Mussolini has decreed a 200,000,000 allotment to the War Ministry to reinforce the army.—United Press.

Pointless Nazi Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—In connection with the German communiqué claiming that the convoy escort cruiser Caledonia has been sunk, naval circles pointed out that the auxiliary cruiser Caledonia was renamed Scotstoun, and was admitted to have been sunk on June 14. The German claim specifically mentions the Scotstoun's tonnage as being 17,046.

BROTHERLY LOVE

As soon as he heard that his brother was a prisoner of war in Germany, 18-year-old R. E. Woods, a clerk in Eltham, Kent, Council Offices, wrote to the Council asking to be released to join the R.A.F.

"I feel I should do more than I am doing to speed up my brother's release," he said. The young clerk was called to the Council chamber. The chairman congratulated him, released him and promised to keep his job open.

Statement On Aliens Interned in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Replying to the debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security, said:

"Any allegations of deliberate and cruel persecution by the Government of internees would be utterly unfounded."

"There has been some delay between the order for release and the actual release of internees in the early stages."

Mr. Morrison assured the House that he would like to get this delay down to a fortnight or ten days. He had found no trace in the Civil Service of any spiteful or vindictive feelings towards internees.

We had, continued the Minister, not only to test the alien's general opinion and general loyalty but "how they would act if the enemy succeeded in invading this country—and the possibility of invasion has not by any means been removed."

About 8,000 aliens have been released and of 19,500 still interned, there were about 4,000 against whom there was evidence that they were definitely unfriendly. In sitting those still interned, consideration was given to those who were skilled workmen.

Sent To Canada

Referring to the internees sent to Canada "some of whom had been sent abroad wrongly," a special and responsible adviser was going to Canada to select suitable applicants for pioneers while the emigration of those who obtained the necessary visas for America would be facilitated.

"I must insist on the principle of individual decision," continued Mr. Morrison, "and if I have a bias I must be in favour of the security of this country."

Britain's Record War Spending

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Britain is now spending £12,876,000 daily on the war—a record figure. Exchequer returns for the last week issued to-day show that during that period supplies and services cost £90,134,000 compared with the £72,350,000 of the previous week, a daily increase of over 2½ million sterling.

George Cross Awards

Heroic Civilian Deeds LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Another George Cross—the civilian equivalent of the Victoria Cross—has been awarded to a bomb disposer. The hero is Dr. Arthur Douglas Merriman, of the Directorate of Scientific Research, of the Ministry of Supply.

An ex-schoolmaster, Dr. Merriman is in the early forties, and is married. At great personal risk he dismantled five unexploded bombs which fell in a famous London Street and on an important building.

This is the fourth King George Cross award, two of the first three going to St. Paul's bomb men who removed the time bomb from under St. Paul's Cathedral.

Nine King George Medals were awarded to firemen and other civilian defence workers who fought fires at docks, oil tanks, and factories, and to gasworkers who climbed a gasometer, down which a delayed action bomb had fallen.

Gold From Portugal

Not German Seizures LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—An allegation that the heavy exports of gold from Portugal to the United States may include bullion seized by Germany in occupied countries, was implied by a questioner in the House of Commons.

The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. R. Dalton (Lab.), stated that a strict watch was being kept on all such shipments and if he had any reason to believe that any consignment was German property he would not hesitate to take the necessary action.

£8,000,000 Contributed To Spitfire Funds

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Credit for an "£8,000,000" idea goes to the editor of a West Indies newspaper—the "Jamaica Gleaner."

As a mark of gratitude to the R.A.F. fighters' prowess in sweeping the skies of German raiders and squashing the projected invasion of Britain, the newspaper opened a fund to present new Spitfires to the R.A.F.

The idea has spread throughout Britain and the Empire with such rapidity that the Government spokesmen to-day was able to inform the House of Commons that over £8,000,000 had already been contributed or promised. Amid cheers, he expressed his appreciation.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DEMARCHE?

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Two interesting questions bearing upon Anglo-American co-operation in the Far East, appear in the House of Commons paper for an early answer.

The Conservative, Mr. Robert Morrison, will suggest a joint Anglo-American declaration in opposition to the so-called new order which Japan is trying to introduce not only in China but in the whole of the Pacific.

Sir Robert Gower will ask whether, with the object of identifying British aims and objects in the Far East with those officially stated by America, the Government will restate British policy regarding the puppet government of Nanking.

Italian Mob In Tangier

Wreck British Property TANGIER, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Italian hooliganism has led to the wrecking of British property in Tangier.

Twenty Italians entered the British Post Office here wrecking the office after tearing down the official news bulletin and photographs. They afterwards did considerable damage to a British business house.

No arrests are reported. This is the first reported interference with British interests in Tangier since the local commander of the Spanish troops announced that he was taking over control of the region.

British Cabinet Decisions

Dominions Not To Be Told LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—For war-time purpose, the British Government is departing from its previous invariable practice of sending all important Cabinet decisions to all the Dominions.

The Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne, indicated that such communications are not being made to Eire.

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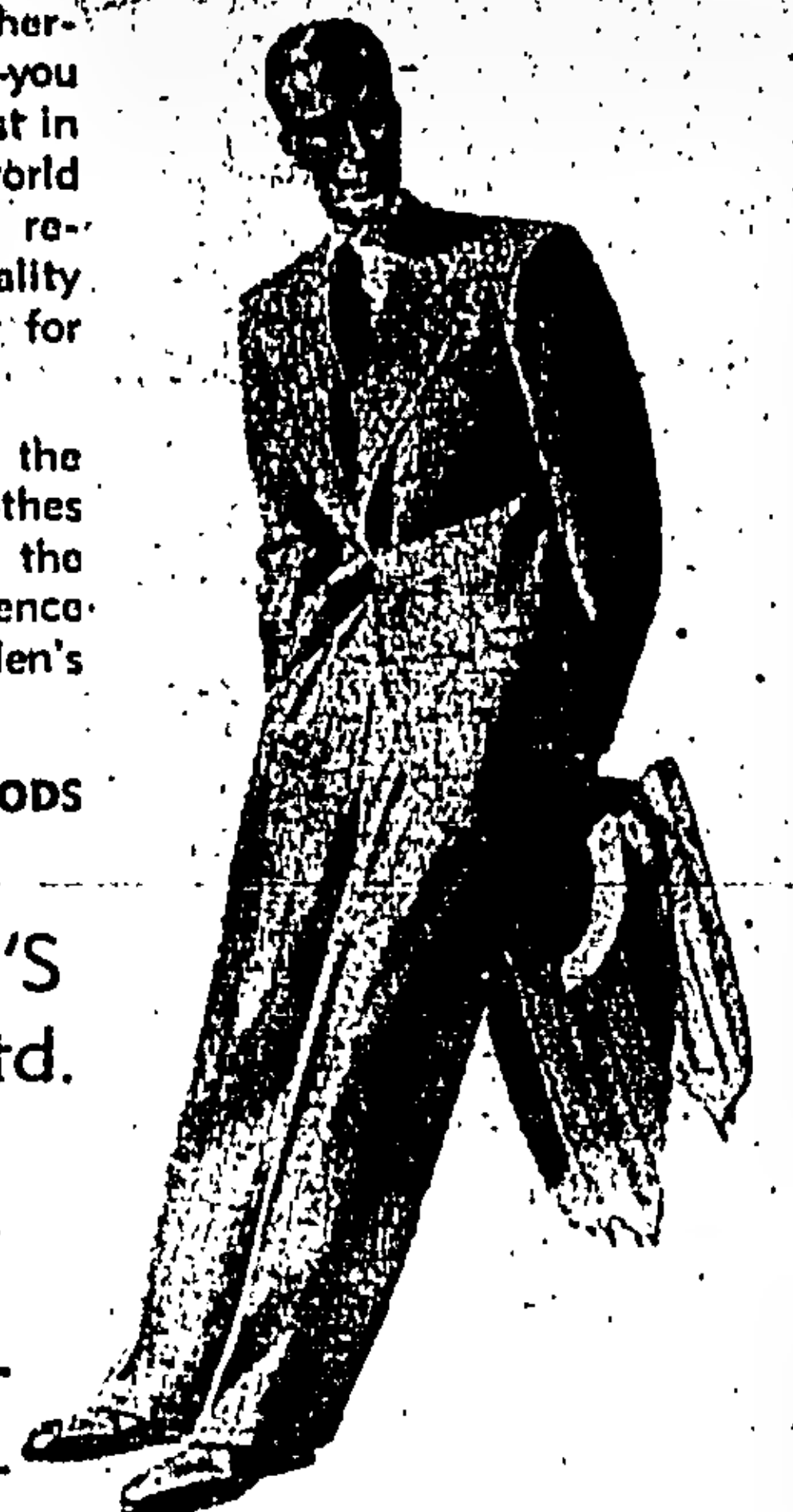
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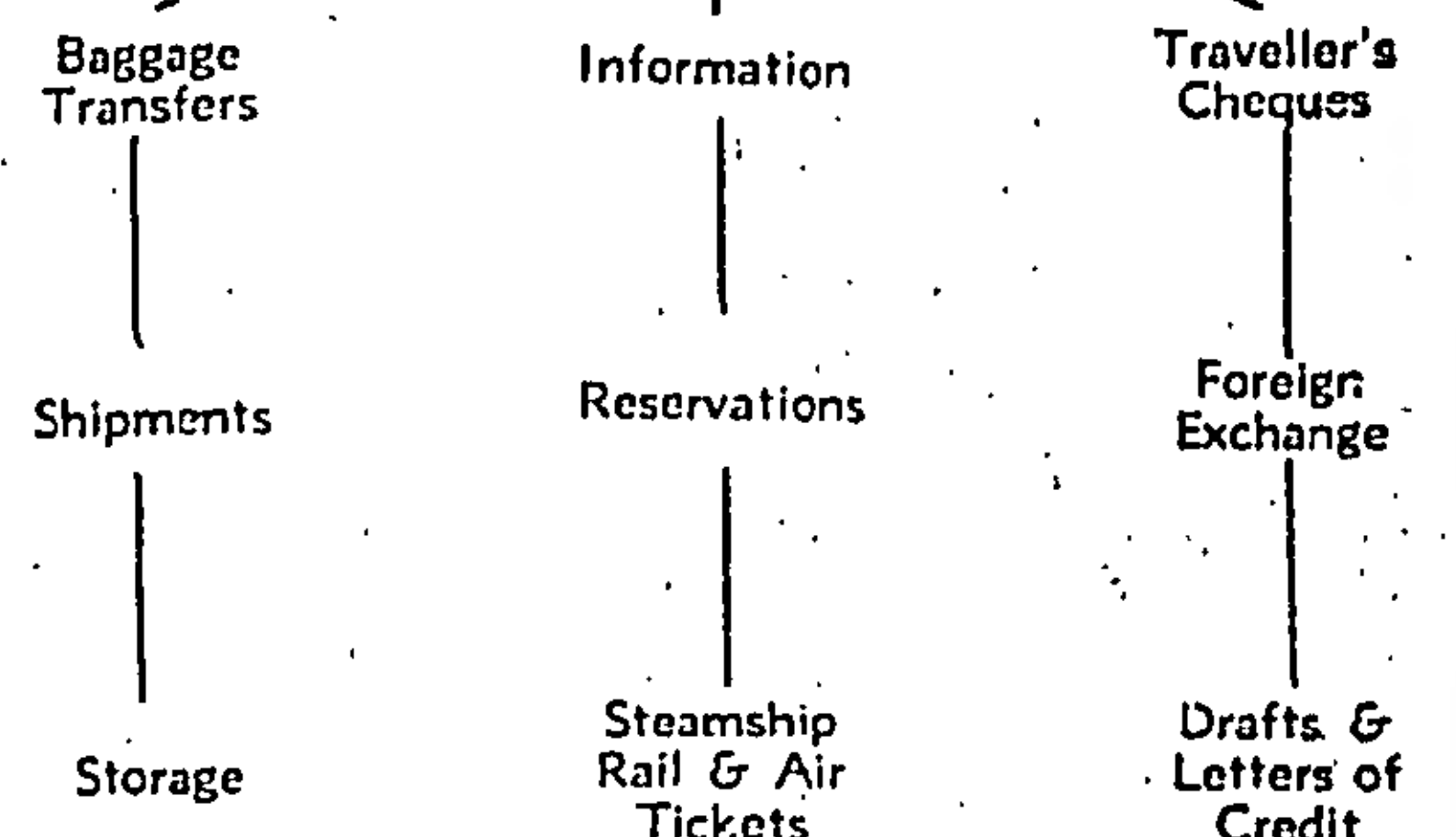
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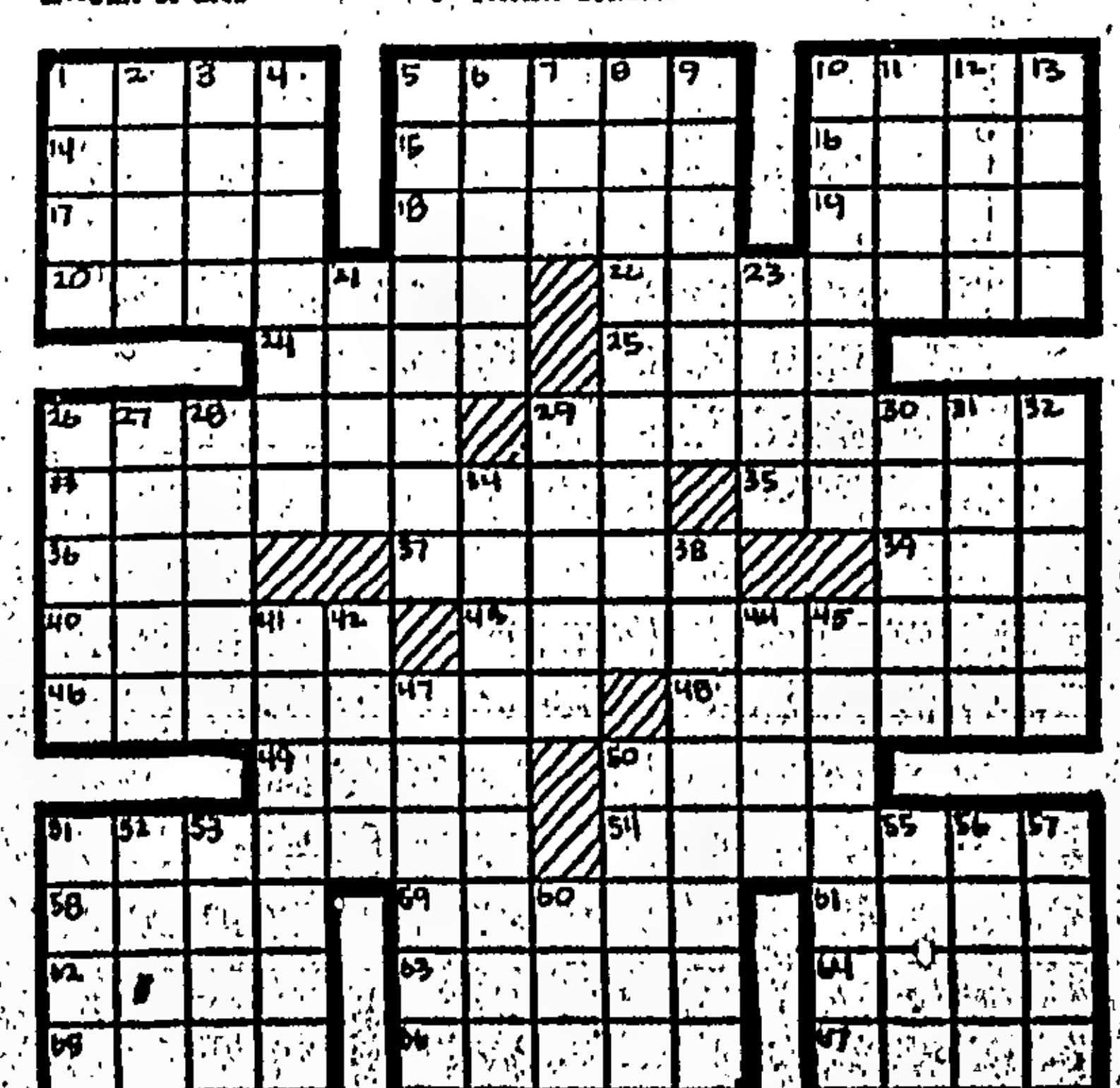
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Sculpture of head
- 2—Take out, as hat
- 3—Detail
- 4—Dueling sword
- 5—Valuable bone
- 6—Material
- 7—County subdivision
- 8—Clear
- 9—Liver secretion
- 10—Ring-shaped
- 11—One owing allegiance to a government
- 12—The lord of the house
- 13—Stretched tight
- 14—Hate sudden push
- 15—Constructed underground passage
- 16—Solar heater
- 17—Human magistrate
- 18—Unit of energy
- 19—Pertaining to network
- 20—Woman's nickname
- 21—Worship
- 22—Biblical volume
- 23—Disturbs order
- 24—Press from fault
- 25—Landscape
- 26—Form of fuel
- 27—River tone
- 28—Site of temple
- 29—Kingdom in Asia, nominally under French control
- 30—Regulated by tide
- 31—White-mouthed pet
- 32—Unit of area

DOWN

- 1—Greek letter
- 2—On
- 3—Ruled
- 4—Dilemma
- 5—Terrible accident
- 6—Open to view
- 7—Mist
- 8—Pertaining to Asiatic country
- 9—Chained
- 10—Western state (abbr.)
- 11—Rooming material
- 12—British War Secretary
- 13—Opposite of first
- 14—Walk on
- 15—Swarm of animals
- 16—Hilliness
- 17—Heads (French)
- 18—Kind of cloth
- 19—Antelope of Africa
- 20—Depressions
- 21—Act of retaining
- 22—High and conical
- 23—Type of flower-cluster (pl.)
- 24—Jewish airport
- 25—Indian wit-nurse
- 26—Glowing rocks from outer space
- 27—German author of "Paul"
- 28—Small vegetables
- 29—Sun-god of Phoenician religion
- 30—At one time
- 31—Type of Leda
- 32—Blow delivered with
- 33—Bone of forearm
- 34—District in Germany
- 35—Small hat with a brim



Around The Courses

Kowloon Golfers Appreciate Country Club Course

Sand Greens Presented No Obstacles: Match To Be Duplicated

(By "Birdie")

BRILLIANT WEATHER at Sheungshiu on Sunday contributed to make the Country Club-Kowloon golf match one of the most pleasant functions at the New Territories' Club. The sand greens presented little difficulty to the Kowloon players, in fact, they were not quite as fast as was anticipated.

It was altogether a genial day, and the score, as was mentioned at the end of the day, was of no consequence. There were only seven of the 18 matches in which byes were played, and the Country Club won three of those seven.

The complete scores were:

	Country Club	Kowloon
A. W. Ramsey beat A. J. Dennis 4 and 3	1 1/4	-
A. A. Lopes beat W. V. Ahern 5 and 4	1 1/4	-
R. E. Lee lost to E. F. Fincher 5 and 3	-	1 1/4
F. E. A. Remedios and R. K. Collings all square	-	-
E. J. M. Churn lost to A. K. Mackenzie 4 and 3	-	1 1/4
T. Y. C. Lee lost to A. Eastman 3 and 2	-	1
W. C. Hung lost to E. C. Fincher 3 and 2	-	1
C. H. T. Suen lost to T. Low 3 and 2	-	1 1/4
J. J. Busto lost to T. Lamb 4 and 3	-	1
M. F. de Pinna lost to W. Kershaw 3 and 2	-	1 1/4
F. X. M. Silva lost to Christenson 4 and 3	-	1 1/4
A. R. de Pinna and T. Henderson all square	-	-
Singles total	2 1/2	9
Fourballs total	2 1/2	10
Grand total	5	19

It was a hot day and the course was very dry. The application of water to the greens, however, had made them comparatively soft and holding. There were several birdies, of which the most peculiar were two on the second. W. Kershaw overran and from behind and below the green holed out his chip for a birdie. J. J. Busto, opponent in the four-ball, proceeded to do likewise from outside.

There is every prospect that the match will be duplicated in the near future—probably towards the end of January. Kowloon, naturally, wish to play a return match on their course, but what with firing and competitions (at both Clubs) it may take a bit of negotiating.

In weather like this, players are advised to watch carefully where they drop cigarette ends. One of the members of the Country Club, not playing in the match, failed to completely stamp one out on the second hole and a small fire was started. Had it not been noticed,

considerable damage might have been done to the fairway.

THE women's match at Kowloon ended all square. Actually, the Misses Churn (M. C. and M. B.) are considered to be part of the Country Club team, but being members of both Clubs, and Kowloon being short, they turned out for Kowloon.

The greens at Kowloon, at the moment, however, are decidedly more tricky than those at Sheungshiu, and in this respect the women had a far more difficult day. But it was most enjoyable, and they, too, are hoping that a second match can be arranged.

ENTRIES for the Junior Championship at the Country Club have not reached a sufficient number. Closing date was last Sunday, but only seven

Unparalleled Feat In Championship Golf

AT NEWCASTLE, Co. Down, in the 36-holes final of the 1937 Irish Open golf championship, Eric Fiddian, an English champion, twice holed out in one against Jack McLean.

In the first round Fiddian holed his tee shot at the seventh hole (128 yards) and in the second round repeated the performance at the 14th hole (205 yards).

This feat is unparalleled in a championship match.

SIR ABE BAILEY'S STUD AND STOCK SOLD AT NEWMARKET

NEWMARKET, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—One of the greatest sales of thoroughbred bloodstock ever was held to-day when the late Sir Abe Bailey's entire stock and stud, numbering 84 lots, was sold at the order of the executors, and which realised 42,677 guineas. The highest price was 5,200 guineas for the nine-year-old stallion, Tiberius, which was purchased by Lord Glanely.

Export Of Racing Stock From Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Pointing out that hundreds of thousands of pounds of British racing thoroughbred stock had been exported to North and South America, India, Australia and elsewhere, Lord Rosebery, speaking at the Annual meeting of Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket, urged the importance of continuing racing in wartime.

He said that export trade was always of the greatest value to breeders, and Government's policy was to continue the export trade.

Lord Rosebery urged breeders to continue as long as possible, and to prevent the selling of well bred yearlings for five or ten guineas for the purpose of being slaughtered to feed greyhounds, which are still allowed to race on the track.

Boxing

Godoy Training For Third Try At World Title

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3 (UP).—Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavy-weight, has begun training for his third attempt at the world title. To-day he gained an easy decision over Tony Musto, of Chicago. Although he had him on the verge of a knock-out half a dozen times he lacked the punch to put him away.

Lou Salica Retains Bantamweight Crown

Toronto, Dec. 3. In his first fight in defence of the world bantamweight championship, Lou Salica to-day beat Small Montana, of the Philippines, by a technical knockout in the third round after Montana had been floored nine times.—Reuter.

names were on the card.

For this reason, the closing date has been extended one week, and entries will close on the coming Sunday.

FROM one of the members of the Kowloon G.C. on Sunday, a brilliant suggestion has been received for the improvement of the holes on the sand greens. The great trouble at the moment is that the iron cups must extend to the level of the sand surface, otherwise the sides will crumble.

The suggestion is that the upper edges of the cups be coated or surfaced with rubber—not the resilient kind—which would have the same deforming effect as the grass edges of normal cups.

The problem of putting will then be solved, for at the moment, a firm putt is as likely to run round the edge and jump out again or strike the metal edge and rebound clear of the hole as it is of going down.

One such rubber sheath is being made for experimental purposes.



NET COMER—Stopping along toward ace position in ranks of nation's leading tennis players is Frank Kovacs, above, of Oakland, Cal. Big follow has way of flicking ball that not only puts him in top-flight ranks but confounds opponents.

Navy And Artillery In Scoreless Rugby Game

NAVY and Royal Artillery met in a scoreless game of rugby at Causeway Bay yesterday, the latter team being considerably weakened by the absence of many of their better players who were taking part in 5th A.A. v. Medical Corps Small Units League match.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billiards & Snooker

Sir,—May I be allowed to trespass on the space of your sports page in the interests of Charity?

Quite recently you published an article upon Billiards and Snooker generally, and in that article you made reference to the "Cue Crusaders." I have an ambition to establish a local branch of that worthy organisation in this Colony, but being fully aware of my own limitations, I must of necessity appeal for help in an endeavour to bring that local branch into life.

It is with this object that I appeal to all who are interested in Billiards and Snooker, either for recreational benefit or for charity, to communicate with me as early as possible in order that the fullest advantage may be taken of the current season.

For the information of those who are unaware of the objects of the "Cue Crusaders" I should like to repeat that these are three-fold:

(1) To keep the spirit of the game alive.

(2) To foster an ever growing comradeship amongst all players.

(3) To work for Charity, and the greatest is Charity.

Now whilst it can be appreciated that from a playing point of view, only the best players have any real value, it is not proposed to confine recruiting to such players only. It is of primary importance. In the interests of the organisation and of the charities that are to benefit from its efforts, that a really good player, who is found who can direct the efforts of the Cue Crusaders along those channels that lead to the best results.

I feel sure that a Committee composed of enthusiastic billiard and snooker players and indefatigable workers for charity, led by one of proved organising ability, can produce results that would surprise even the most optimistic, of whom there is none greater than myself.

Will anybody and everybody interested please communicate with me c/o "The Hongkong Telegraph," marking envelopes in the top corner "Cue Crusaders."

CHARLES TERRAN

Hongkong C. C. Team

The following will represent Hongkong C.C. against the University at cricket on Saturday.

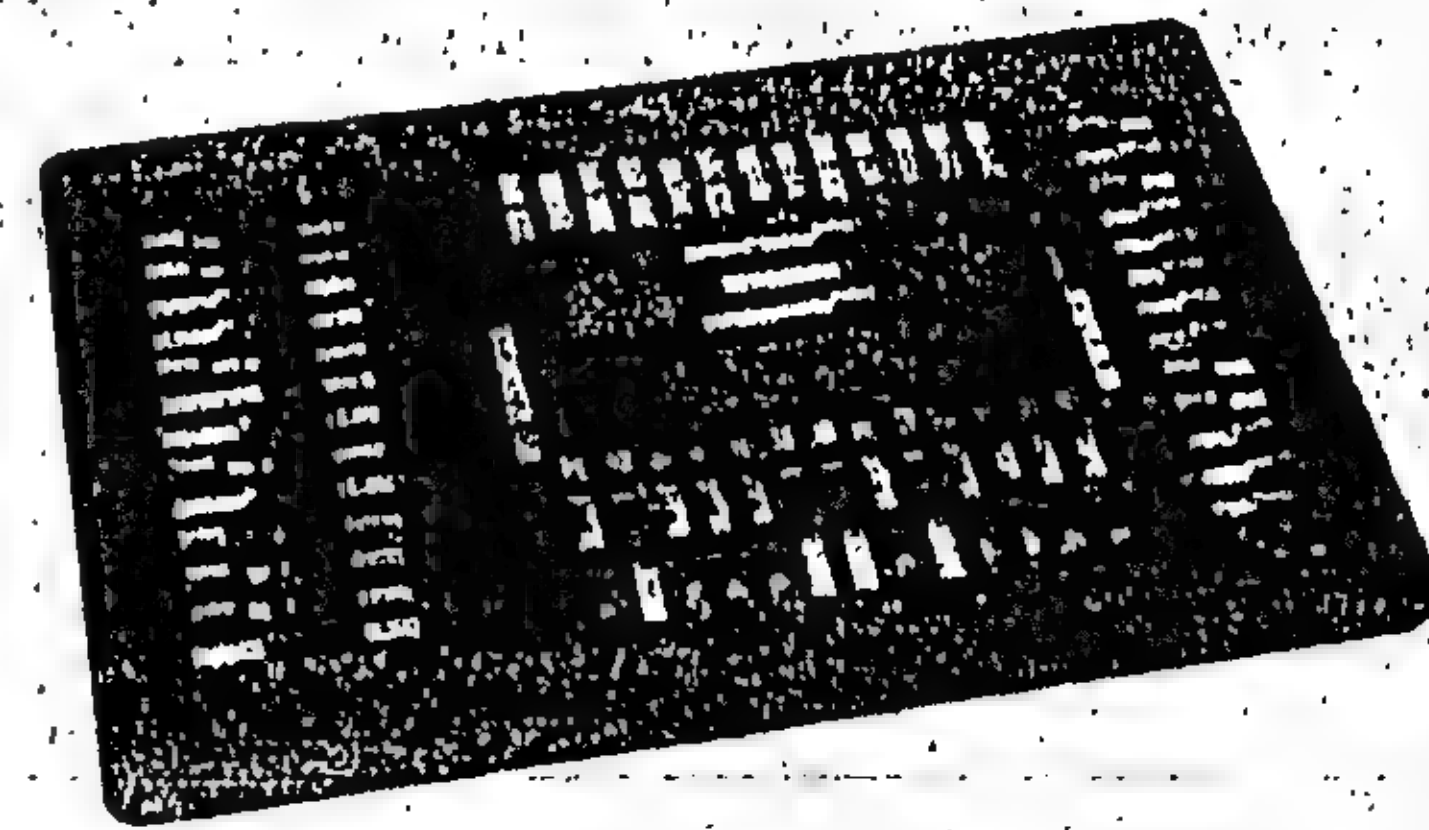
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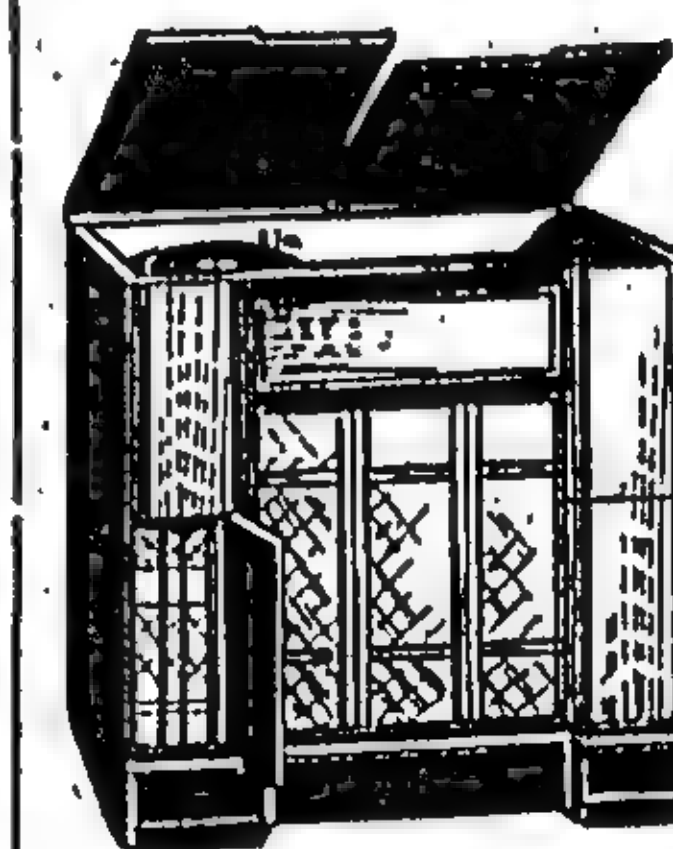
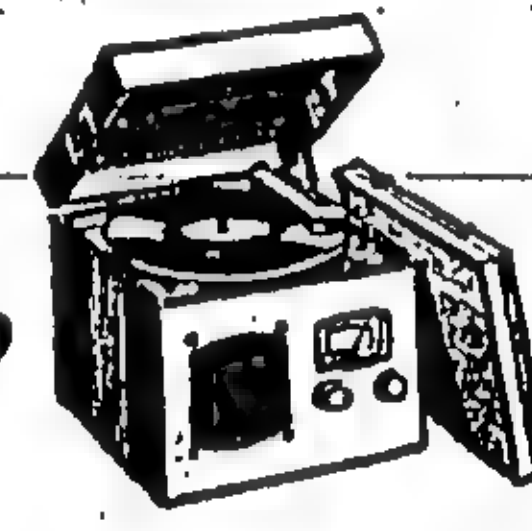


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1.03 Murgatroyd and Winterbottom.
Scientifically, Of Course! (Crick-Frankau-Handley), Winter Sports (Frankau-Handley-Crick), Pets (Frankau-Handley-Crick).
1.13 George Scott-Wood, His Accordion Band and Six Swingers.
1.30 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Haydn—Symphony in G Major ("Military").
1st Mov: Adagio-Allegro; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Moderato) and Trio; 4th Mov: Finale (Fresto). . . . Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.
2.15 Close Down.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Variety Programme.
Vocal and Piano—There's Rain in My Eyes (McCarthy and Others), Take Me in Your Arms (Roncoroni). . . . Leslie Hutchinson; Three Pianos—Boogie Woogie Prayer (Ammons and Others). . . . Meade Lux Lewis, Pete Johnson and Albert Ammons; Vocal—Love's Melody (film "Dreams come true"), So Must Our Love Remain (film "Dreams come true"). . . . Frances Day with Orchestra; Vocal and Piano—A New Song (Hickford); Leslie Hutchinson with Orchestra; Humorous—Ain't It Gorgeous (Western). . . . The Western Brothers; Dance Band—Military Fox-Trot Medley, Intro: The King's Horses; The Toy Drum Major; When the Guards are on Parade. . . . The Key-boarders (Two Pianos and Drums).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The market continues firm with sellers holding out for higher levels.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,270
Canton Ins. \$185
Docks (old) \$16.50
Providents \$4.00
Lands \$31.50
Trams \$10.70
Yauwatt Ferries \$22.25
Lights (old) C.D. \$6.55
Lights (new) C.D. \$8.05
Electricity (old) \$38.25
Telephones (old) \$24.50
Telephones (new) \$9.75
Cements \$17.25
Ropes \$6.00
Watsons \$9.05
Wm. Powells \$1.00
Entertainments \$9.60
Constructions (old) \$1.60

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,275
Union Ins. \$392½

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,478,133.10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
Mr. Schull's Farewell Party \$150
"Rockdene Lark" (3rd donation) 12
Kowloon Hospital Mess Raffle (8th donation) 75
"Ardalun" (monthly) 100
Soldiers' Club Tombola Squeeze 22
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The Reluctant Cad

By Sidney Horler

(Continued from Page 3.)

never mind how; in any case, the man is now out of the country. He might have earned a good deal more money, but he got nervous. . . . I now give it to you," and he pushed across the table a sheet of paper on which were some typewritten figures.

She turned away as if the sight nauseated her.

"I won't touch it, you can't force me."

The man, whose face was still obscured, now spoke more sharply.

"I myself have a safe," he said, pointing to a corner of the room; which you wrote to me many years ago. It is true that at the time you were little more than a schoolgirl, filled with high-falutin' romantic ideas, and that you imagined you were in love with me, but I scarcely think, Lady Maltby, that your husband would take such a wide view of the situation if those letters were posted to him. Do you?"

The vision which the words conjured up made her clasp the arms of the chair convulsively.

"Even you wouldn't do a thing like that?" she whispered incredulously; for although the now known this man to be unscrupulous, yet such utter infamy was almost beyond her imagining.

"I shall be forced to do so, Lady Maltby, unless you bring to me here, to-morrow night, all the papers that you find in your husband's safe. I have my duty to do and I intend to do it."

The woman he was threatening started to scream; it was this scream that stifled the sound of a soufflé outside the room.

"And now I will ring for my servant to show you out. Pull yourself together," he added harshly. His hand went out to a bell-push on the desk in front of him. As though the man outside had been anticipating the summons, the door opened.

"Oh, Graves," said his master; "this lady will require a taxi. What?"

The last word was sharply ejaculated. In what seemed the same instant, the speaker flung open a drawer in his desk.

"Keep the gun where it is, Herr Muller," snapped back a voice.

"Your servant, Graves, has met with a slight accident; as a matter of fact he is not feeling very well at the moment; he has lost several teeth and is unconscious."

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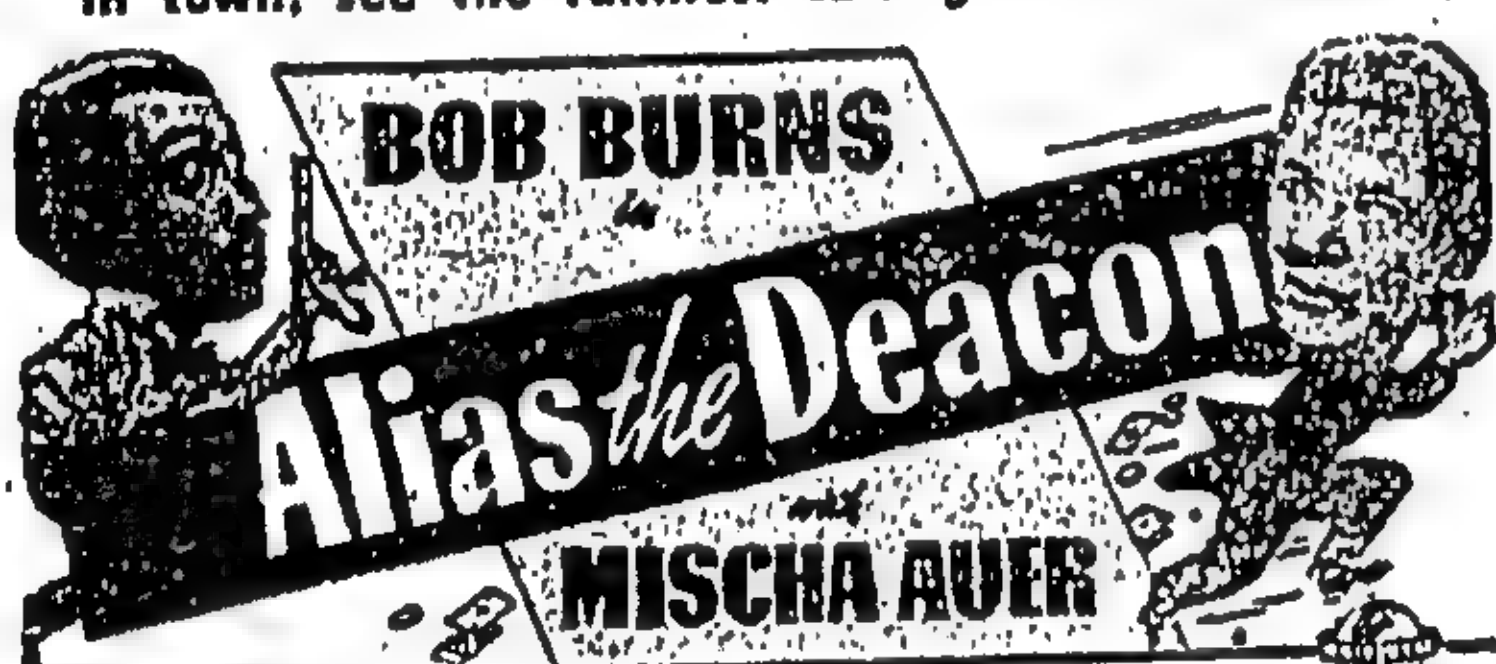
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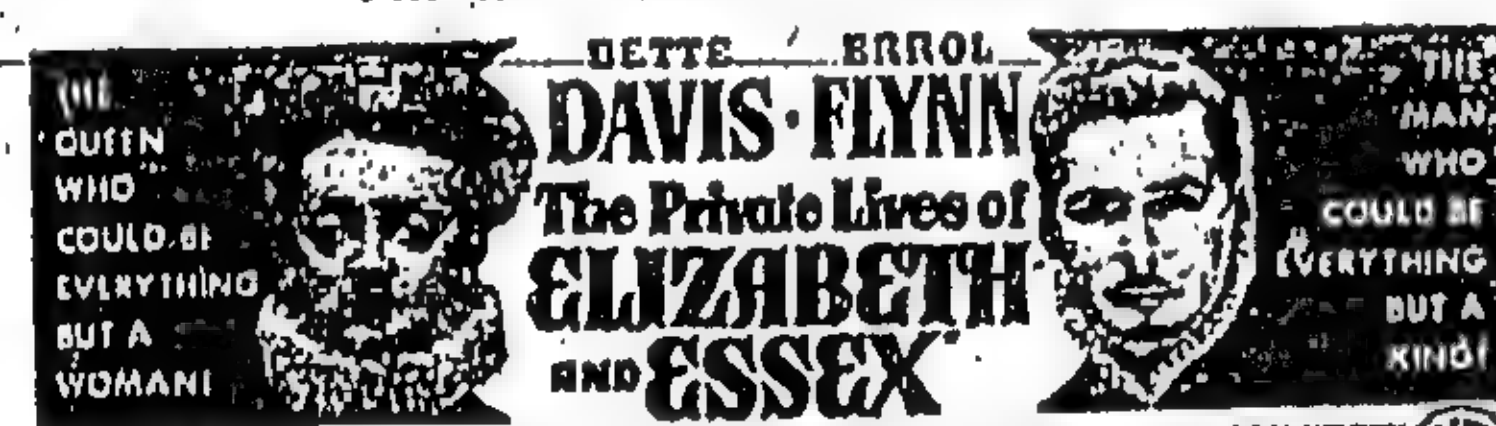
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Japanese Attack Repelled In Hupeh: Li Tsung-jen Praised

CHUNGKING, Dec. 3 (Central News).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphed to General Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief, of the Chinese forces in Hupeh, commending his wise direction of the recent operations in central and northern Hupeh resulting in a Japanese debacle, and instructed him to report all the Chinese officers and men who displayed unusual gallantry in the recent Hupeh battle.

SHIP IN DISTRESS Hellenic Trader Aground

The Panama steamer Hellenic Trader which left Hongkong on Monday to load coal at Hongkong, went aground in an exposed position in Hainan Straits at 8 p.m. yesterday according to information received by the agents, Messrs. Moller Ltd.

First intimation of the vessel's plight was a United Press message from Manila stating that an S.O.S. had been received from the vessel saying she was stranded and breaking up and required assistance.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock's powerful tug Henry Keswick has left Hongkong to try and salvage the steamer.

There are believed to be about five European members in the crew on board the steamer which is aground in a position exposed to the monsoon, according to mariners who have studied her position.

The Hellenic Trader, which is of about 3,000 tons deadweight, was not carrying either cargo or passengers. She was formerly under the Greek flag, being owned by the Greek Consul at Shanghai. She is now under charter to the Tai Yau Steamship Company, Hongkong.

EQUIPMENT FOR PAN-AMERICAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—Authoritative sources told the "United Press" to-day that the Pan-American Airways may be permitted to purchase whatever equipment it needs to combat foreign competition, despite the "temporary preference delivery instructions" to expedite the army and navy deliveries.

Mr. Henry Stimson and Colonel Knox, of the Army and Navy respectively, have recommended that an exception be made for Pan-American.

Mrs. Hartman Dead: Funeral To-day

Mrs. M. H. Hartman, wife of the late Mr. M. H. Hartman of the National City Bank, died at her residence at No. 123 Hennessy Road this morning after a long illness. She is survived by two married daughters.

The funeral will leave the Mohammedan Cemetery Mosque at Happy Valley at 5.15 p.m., to-day.

Kowloon Chess Club

The annual dinner of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at the Peninsula Hotel at 8 p.m. Dress will be informal. The Club will assemble at 5.30 p.m. After dinner, prizes won during last season will be distributed.

LATE NEWS

GEORGE H. CHUBB DIES AT SWATOW

News has just been received in the Colony of the death at Swatow on November 20 of Mr. George H. Chubb.

The late Mr. Chubb was in charge of the Standard Oil Company of New York's operations at Swatow, having been in the employ of the Company for the last five years. He was 40 years of age, and had been stationed at Canton, Manila and for a short period in Hongkong.

He leaves a wife at Swatow, two brothers, Jack and Thomas, a sister Annie, and his mother at Foochow.

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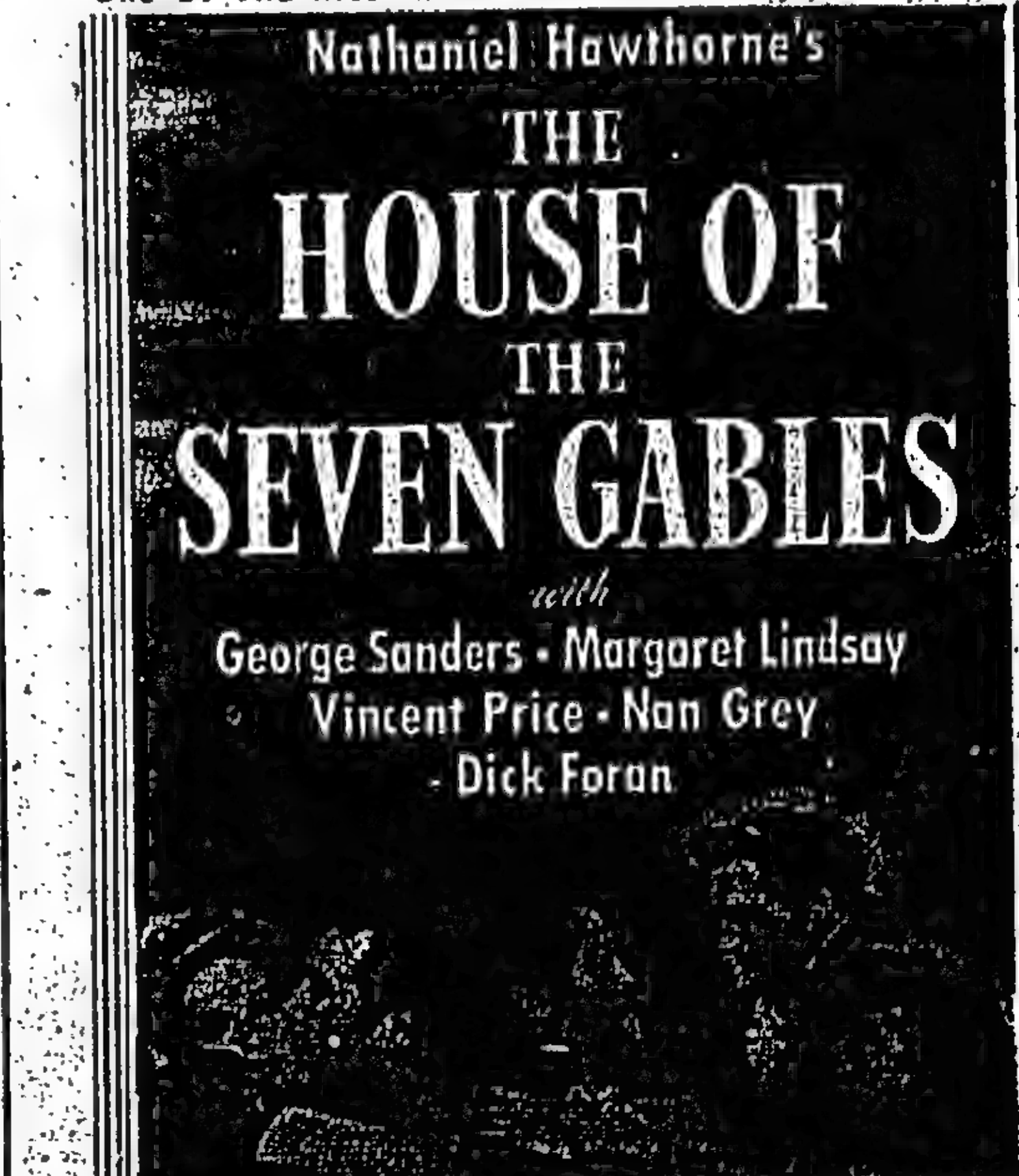


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R.A.F. PLANES HARASS RETREATING ITALIANS: BIG RAID ON VALONA

LONDON, DEC. 3 (REUTER).—WHILE THE GREEK THREAT TO THE IONIAN PORT OF SANTI QUARANTA HAS BEEN INCREASING IN THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND THE ITALIANS IN THE ARGYRO-CASTRON SECTOR OF THE FRONT ARE REPORTED TO BE RETREATING EVEN MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY DID AT KORITZA, BRITISH BOMBER PLANES HAVE BEEN HARASSING THE ENEMY IN THE REAR.

R.A.F. Attacks Naples Oil Refineries Set On Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 3 (UP).—R.A.F. headquarters to-day announced that long-range bombers, while attacking Naples last night, started "large fires" in the oil refineries which were visible for 25 miles.

They also caused fires and explosions and fires on the main railway lines.
Railway Hit
CAIRO, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—A well placed stick of bombs straddled oil refineries and started a large fire which was visible 20 miles away, when the R.A.F. raided Naples on Monday night, says an R.A.F. communiqué.

Hits were registered on a railway main line. Other fires and explosions followed the dropping of bombs.
The communiqué states that all British aircraft returned safely.

East Africa
LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Fort Adl Urt in Italian East Africa, was raided by the R.A.F. yesterday and considerable damage was done to a motor transport and Italian personnel. Zulu will also be attacked.
Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all fronts, and valuable information was obtained. From all operations British aircraft returned to their bases without loss, says the Air Ministry.

Statement On Aliens Interned in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Replying to the debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security, said:
"Any allegations of deliberate and cruel persecution by the Government of internees would be utterly unfounded."
"There has been some delay between the order for release and the actual release of internees in the early stages."
Mr. Morrison assured the House that he would like to get this delay down to a fortnight or ten days. He had found no trace in the Civil Service of any spiteful or vindictive feelings towards internees.
"We had, continued the Minister, not only to test the loyalty of the internees, but also to test the loyalty of the general public, and to see how they would act if the enemy succeeded in invading this country—and the possibility of invasion has not by any means been removed."

Valona, a port to which the Italians retreating from the Argyro-Castron sector would naturally withdraw, was yesterday heavily bombed by the R.A.F.

In spite of bad weather and large Italian fighter patrols, the attack was pressed home. A fire was started in a large building near the harbour, and was followed by a series of loud explosions.

A stick of bombs fell on the main jetty, and a ship received a direct hit. One Italian fighter was shot down.

BRISTOL HEAVILY BOMBED Four-Hour Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BRISTOL, Dec. 3 (UP).—German bombers, coming through at three-minute intervals, attacked Bristol for four hours last night—the second time in 24 hours. Severe damage was caused and there were many casualties.

Single Raiders
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security jointly states that single raiders flew in flights over East Anglia and the south coast of England. Some reached the London area and bombed the outskirts. Bombs were also dropped on Sussex and East Anglia where the damage and casualties were slight.

HONGKONG TO BUILD 11 SHIPS

Eleven ships, totalling over 100,000 tons, have been ordered for construction in Hongkong, and five keels have already been laid down.
The work is being shared by the Talkoo Dockyard and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.
Each vessel is of 9,200 tons deadweight, and it is expected that they will be used as cargo ships.

In the Argyro-Castron sector, one British fighter shot down an Italian reconnaissance plane.

"One of Our Best Raids"
On the return from Valona raid, the leader of the R.A.F. formation said: "It was one of our best raids. We had to come rather low because of the clouds, and fighters were waiting for us, but while they chased one flight of our bombers, another went in and dropped its bombs. We saw a big blaze among the warehouses with a tall column of black smoke above. It looked as if we had hit something of vital importance, practically all our bombs registered direct hits. We all got back O.K."

Retreat Continues
Monastir (Yugo-Slavia), Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian Army is again retreating after making a stand north of Pogradetz on the shores of Lake Ochrid. Further west a vigorous Italian counter attack was smothered with great loss of men and material.

Fleeing To El Basan
YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIAN BORDER, Dec. 3.—After making a stand on the shores of Lake Ochrid, the Italians are on the retreat. Some of them are retreating towards El Basan, 40 miles north-west of Pogradetz on the road to Tirana while others are slipping Lake Ochrid to the east.
A heavy snowfall, now more than six feet deep on Mount Kamia, is holding up the Greek pursuit, but strenuous efforts are being made to overcome the difficulties of supply.

Greeks Advance
ATHENS, Dec. 3 (UP).—United Press correspondent with the Greek forces telegraphed to-day that the Greek advance in continuing on the Koritza front and the Epirus coastal section, with the Greeks now twice as far into Albania as the Italians ever penetrated into Greece.
"United Press" correspondent Nicholas Yokur telephoned from Pogradetz that the Western Macedonian Army had taken the first heights overlooking Lake Ochrid.
"From this shell-battered village the retreating Italians are visible along the road winding alongside the lake," he said.
The correspondent said the Italians have dug trenches along the foothills.

George Cross Awards

Heroic Civilian Deeds
LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Another George Cross—the civilian equivalent of the Victoria Cross—has been awarded to a bomb disposer. The hero is Dr. Arthur Douglas Merriman, of the Directorate of Scientific Research, of the Ministry of Supply.
An ex-schoolmaster, Dr. Merriman is in the early forties, and is married. At great personal risk he dismantled five unexploded bombs which fell in a famous London Street and on an important building.
This is the fourth King George Cross award, two of the first three going to St. Paul's bomb men who removed the time bomb from under St. Paul's Cathedral.
Nine King George Medals were awarded to firemen and other civilian defence workers who fought fires at docks, oil tanks, and factories, and to gasworkers who cleared gasometer down which a delayed action bomb had fallen.

FEARLESSLY WATCH RAID

Deep in a trench, which was their nearest shelter to hand, these young English boys and girls fearlessly and intently watch an aerial combat overhead between British fighters and German raiders. Miller and Goering have tried their utmost to frighten British women and children into panic and defeat, but have failed miserably, as this magnificent photographic study reveals.



60 BRITISH CARGO SHIPS TO BE BUILT IN AMERICA

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Minister of Shipping, Mr. Ronald Cross, announced that orders have already been placed in America for the construction of 60 cargo vessels, "in addition to the serviceable United States vessels which have been, and will continue to be purchased."
"Everything possible is being done to get ships with the greatest facility," added Mr. Cross.

Italian Mob In Tangier

Wreck British Property
TANGIER, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Italian hooliganism has led to the wrecking of British property in Tangier.
Twenty Italians entered the British Post Office here wrecking the office after tearing down the official news bulletin and photographs. They afterwards did considerable damage to a British business house.
No arrests are reported.
This is the first reported interference with British interests in Tangier since the local commander of the Spanish troops announced that he was taking over control of the region.

EXPRESSES COLLIDE 55 Killed

MADRID, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Fifty-five people were killed and over eighty were injured in a collision between an express train from Madrid and another from Barcelona to-day. The accident occurred near an isolated station, Velilla, where the lines crossed.
Rescue work was made difficult by the isolation of the district and the bitter cold. Some of the people injured died of exposure.
Rescue trains have taken the injured to Saragossa.
The cause of the accident is unknown.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DEMARCHE?

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Two interesting questions bearing upon Anglo-American co-operation in the Far East, appear in the House of Commons paper for an early answer.
The Conservative, Mr. Robert Morgan, will suggest a joint Anglo-American declaration in opposition to the so-called new order which Japan is trying to introduce not only in China but in the whole of the Pacific.
Sir Robert Gower will ask whether, with the object of identifying British aims and objects in the Far East with those officially stated by America, the Government will restate British policy regarding the puppet government of Nanking.

Rumanians Reproved For Revisionist Talk

BASLE, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Germany has given Rumania a sharp reminder of the Vienna Award under which Rumania was forced to cede part of Transylvania to Hungary, writes the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."
The reminder was prompted by the speeches of Premier Antonescu and Vice Premier, Sima, on Sunday, bitterly representing the cession.
Wilhelmstrasse officials brand the speeches as revisionist and declare that Germany will hold fast to the Vienna Award. The speeches caused great surprise in Hungary where they were interpreted, as meaning that Rumania was rebelling against the award and also against the tripartite pact to which she had adhered ten days previously.
Hungary is working hard to bring about a rapprochement with Yugo-Slavia which would incline the country nearer to the Axis.

Grounded H.K. Ship Refloated: Japanese Vessel Goes To Rescue

The Panama steamer Hellenic Trader, which went aground in an exposed position in Hainan Straits at 8 p.m. yesterday, was re-floated at 2 o'clock this morning, according to a wireless message received in Hongkong by the agents Messrs. Mollers Ltd.

NO MAJOR FIGHTING Thai-Indo-China Border Quieter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Dec. 3 (UP).—There were no reports of major fighting to-day, and it is therefore hoped by the officials that M. Garreau's negotiations at Bangkok will be successful prior to the coming of the dry season which would act as an impetus to large scale hostilities.
On Sunday and Monday night, Thakhet, a Thailand plane dropped pamphlets on the Mekong river villages and there was sporadic fighting reported in the border sector between Vientiane and the Gulf of Siam; however, these were mainly localized incidents.

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Intimation of the vessel's plight was first received in a "United Press" message from Manila, stating that an S.O.S. had been received from the vessel saying she was stranded and breaking up and required assistance.

The tug Henry Keswick was promptly sent from the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, but according to the message received by the local agents the ship was re-floated before the arrival of the tug, possibly under her own power.

It is understood that the Japanese ship Taiyu Maru has answered the Hellenic Trader's distress call and is now TURN to Back Page, Column 4

U. S. AND JAPAN Major Crisis May Be Near

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (UP).—"A major crisis in relations between Japan and the United States may not be far away if the recent veiled threat by the 'Domel' news agency is to be taken at its face value," declares the "Washington Star" in an editorial to-day.
The paper said that "Domel" asserted that Japan and the Nanking regime may have to take drastic measures against the United States.
It added that Japan's recognition of Wang Ching-wei in little more than a "diplomatic joke," but pointed out that it has a "serious, perhaps ominous side."

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NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY

In order to conserve the storage in the Colony's reservoirs, it is hereby notified that commencing at 10 p.m. on Thursday, December 5th, water will be shut off in all districts from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. every night until further notice.

H. J. PEARCE,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 3rd December, 1940.

NOTICE

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Kowloon Chess Club

The annual dinner of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 p.m. Dress will be informal. The Club will assemble at 5.30 p.m. After dinner, prizes won during last season will be distributed.

Night Soil Systems Of Colony Criticised

The question of improvements to the night soil collecting services was again brought up by Mr. B. Wong Tape at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday. He inquired what the present position was in view of the fact that some considerable time had elapsed since certain recommendations were submitted to Government. The matter, he said, was urgent and it was essential that a new improved system be introduced within the next few months, well in advance of next year's Cholera season.

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr) replied that he had made inquiries on the subject and had been informed that it was still under consideration by Government. He was well aware, he added, that the Financial Secretary was anxious that any money involved should be included in the Estimates, and therefore the Council need not be over-anxious that the matter would not be fully considered by Government in the very near future.

Regarding correspondence relative to food shop licences for fruit and vegetables laid on the table, the Chairman said: "Members may recollect that when the auction of Central Market was held it was an open auction, namely, that no preference was given to those who previously had stalls in the old market. During reconstruction, several of the stall-holders were given food shop licences to continue to sell fruit and vegetables outside the market. Some of these licences were marked as temporary only while others were not so marked. No steps were taken to cancel these licences and quite a number of them have continued to this day, but under the impression that some of them were to be temporary, the Health Officers have also issued licences for premises not quite suitable."

Non-Renewal Proposed

"It is proposed that these licences should not be renewed after April 1, 1942, which is ample notice, and I don't think it will inflict any hardship. There are ten vacant stalls for vegetables and six vacant stalls for fruit in the market, and therefore there will be ample opportunities for people to go and get them." This proposal has been considered by the Council and unanimously approved."

Wolfram Ore, Tung Oil, Exported To Japan

SHUIKWAN, Dec. 2.—Considerable war materials are being obtained by the Japanese in Kwangtung for export to Japan, while Japanese merchants are buying them from unoccupied areas also. These materials include wolfram, scrap iron and gall-nuts, the latter being useful for the manufacture of incendiary bombs.

Wolfram has been smuggled to the coast and placed aboard Japanese steamers. The Japanese army takes care of the wolfram in Nanping Island off Yeung Kong, in Swatow and Chungshan. Japanese merchants are said to be buying this mineral from smugglers who obtain the ores from North River districts and as far as Kiangsi. Tung oil is also smuggled to the coast for export to Japan.

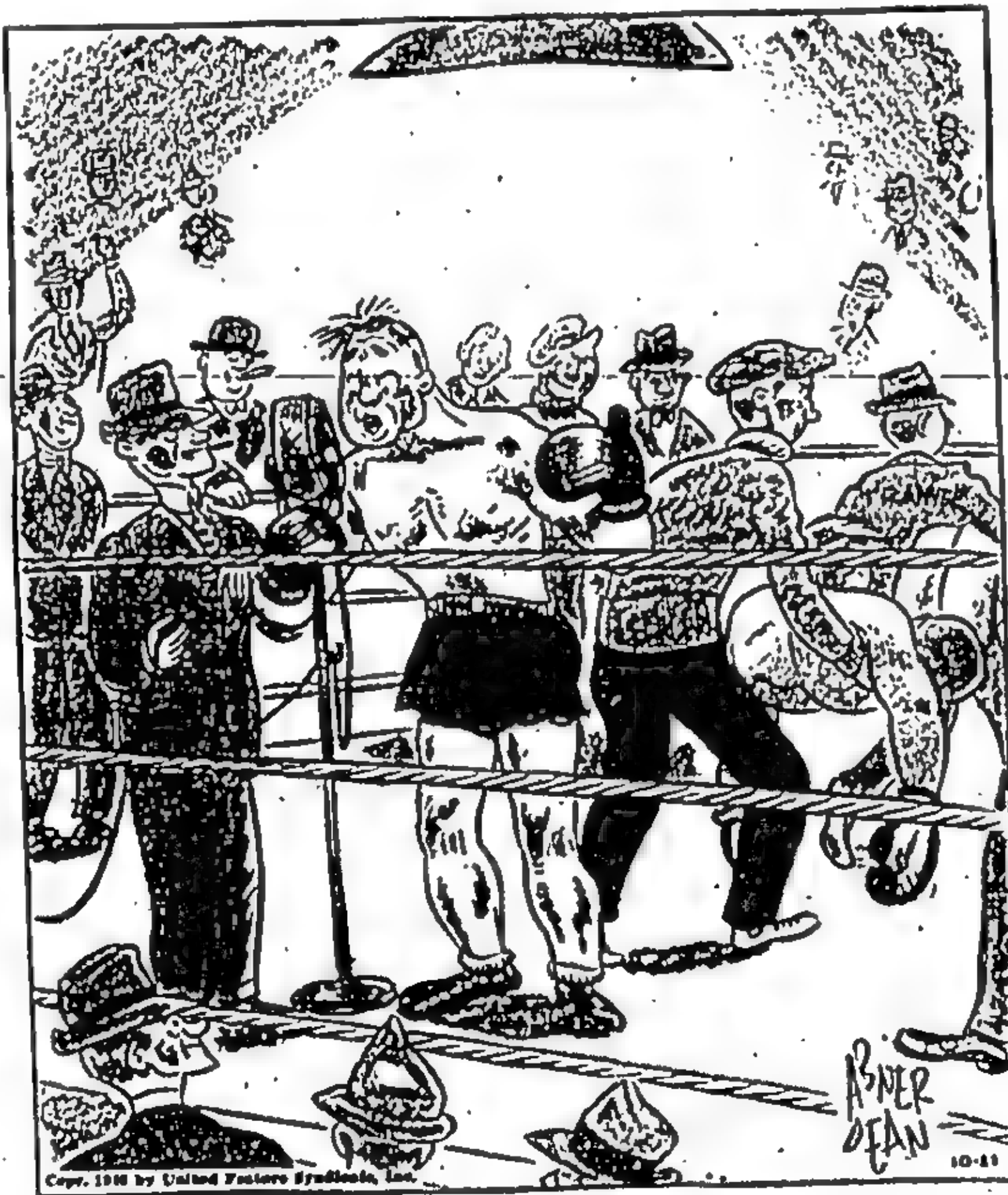
Exports of these goods go through Lupo on the North River to Canton or Shenyung in Mirs Bay. Another route is via Swatow. In the same channels, Japanese goods are smuggled to free Kwangtung. Most of the imports are cotton yarn and cotton piece goods from Osaka, but much of them are said to be goods manufactured in Shanghai, bearing Chinese labels or even the trademarks of the Ministry of Economics of the Chungking Government—Special.

Customs at Autow

Wahchow, Dec. 3. Due to the presence of Japanese warships near Autow, the Chinese Customs officials have evacuated the station there, thus affording more opportunity to the smugglers of wolfram and tung oil to Hongkong, where they sell the goods to the Japanese buyers.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

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Rotary Club Appeal

Ambulances & Canteens

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Since its foundation, the Hongkong Rotary Club has collected and spent in social service projects in this Colony not less than \$20,000. The children's playgrounds were their first serious effort, then help has been given to free schools for poor Chinese children, to the T. B. Sanatorium in Cheungcheat, and annual grants have been made to the various charities which carry on work in the Colony.

A special donation of \$4,500 was made to the South China Morning Post War Fund.

Within a week the members of the Club had subscribed \$6,000 and promptly remitted £300 home to the Club headquarters in London, for the purchase of the first mobile canteen, which will be named after Hongkong.

So far a cabaret dinner dance has been arranged for January 18 at the Peninsula Hotel. Then the South China Athletic Association has agreed to give some of the proceeds of a special match to be played on December 22 to the fund. A smoking concert has been fixed for December 20 at the China Fleet Club, and it is hoped that a flag day will be organised later.

It is hardly necessary to add that anyone who wishes to send donations to this combined British and Chinese appeal can do so. The Treasurer is Mr. N. J. Perrin, of Thomas Cook and Sons, Hongkong.

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Australia and Manila Dec. 5.
Canton Dec. 5.
Sandakan Dec. 5.
Java and Manila Dec. 6.
London and Manila Dec. 6.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st December Dec. 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th December Dec. 11.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 1 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Straits and Calcutta

Parcels Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m.

Letters Dec. 4, 11.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" 8.30 a.m.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 5, 1 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 5, 1.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and South Africa via Durban, 2.30 p.m.

Straits and United Kingdom. K.P.O.

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Ord. Dec. 5, 3.30 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 6

Canton 7.15 a.m.

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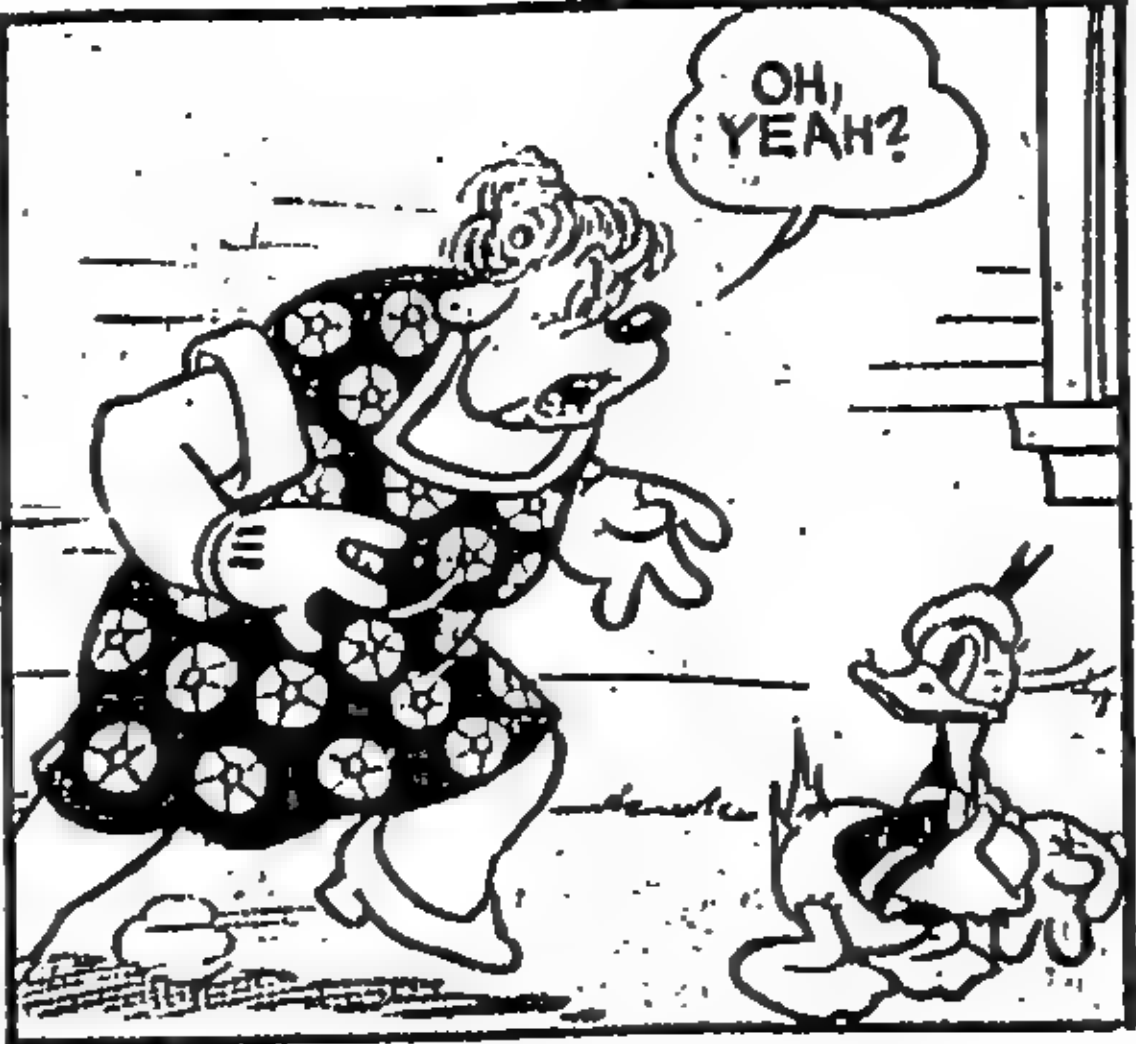
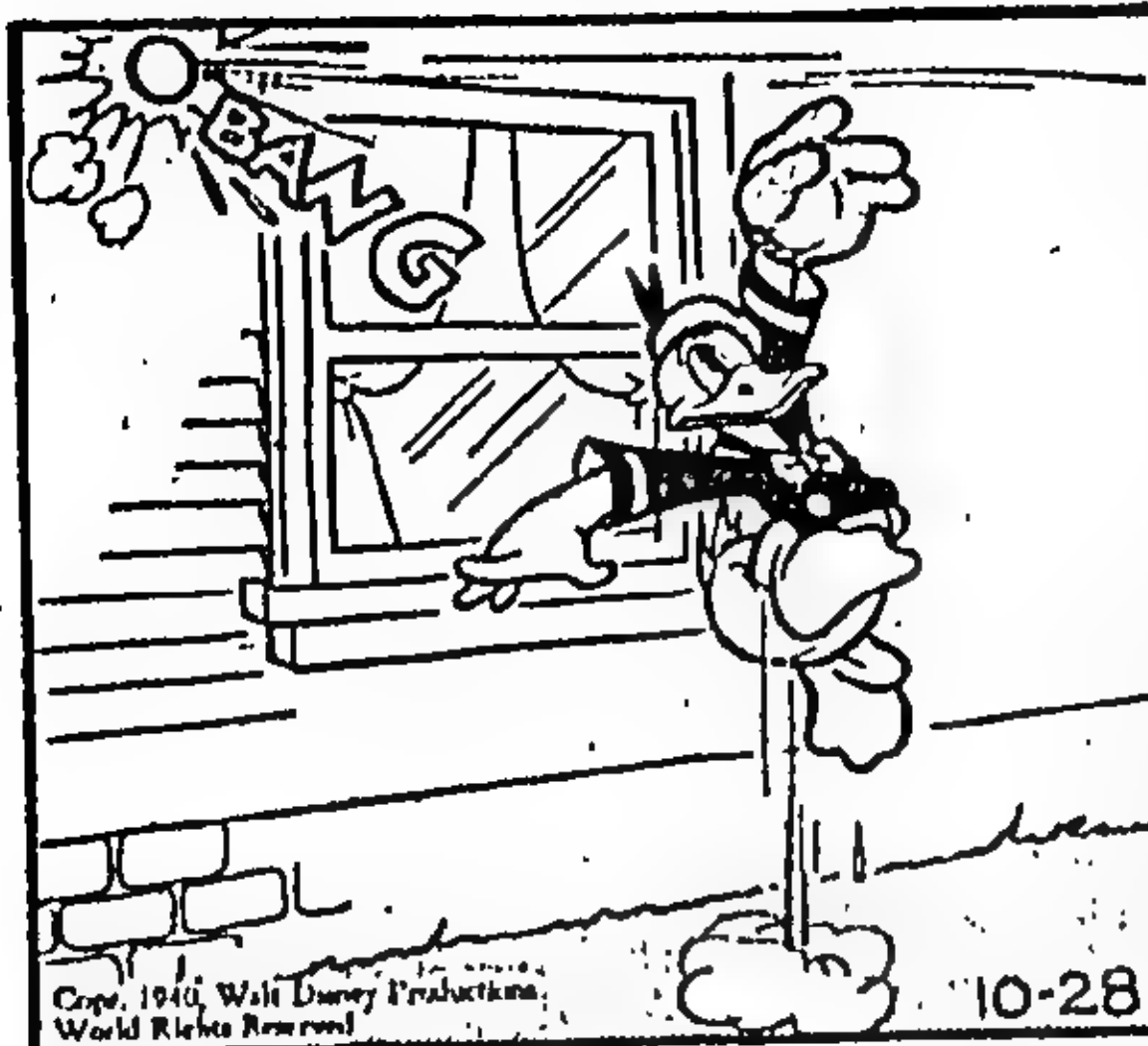
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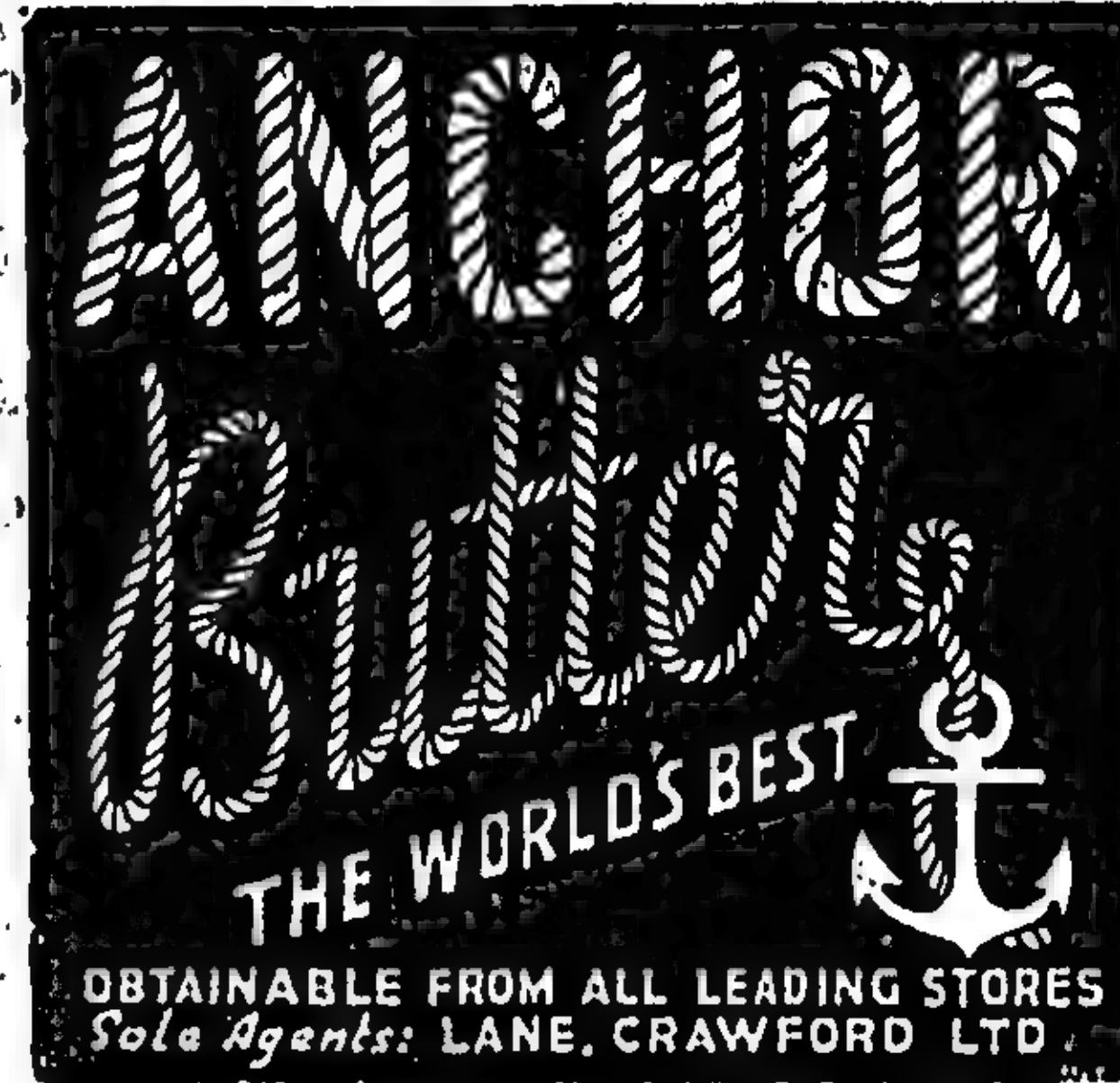
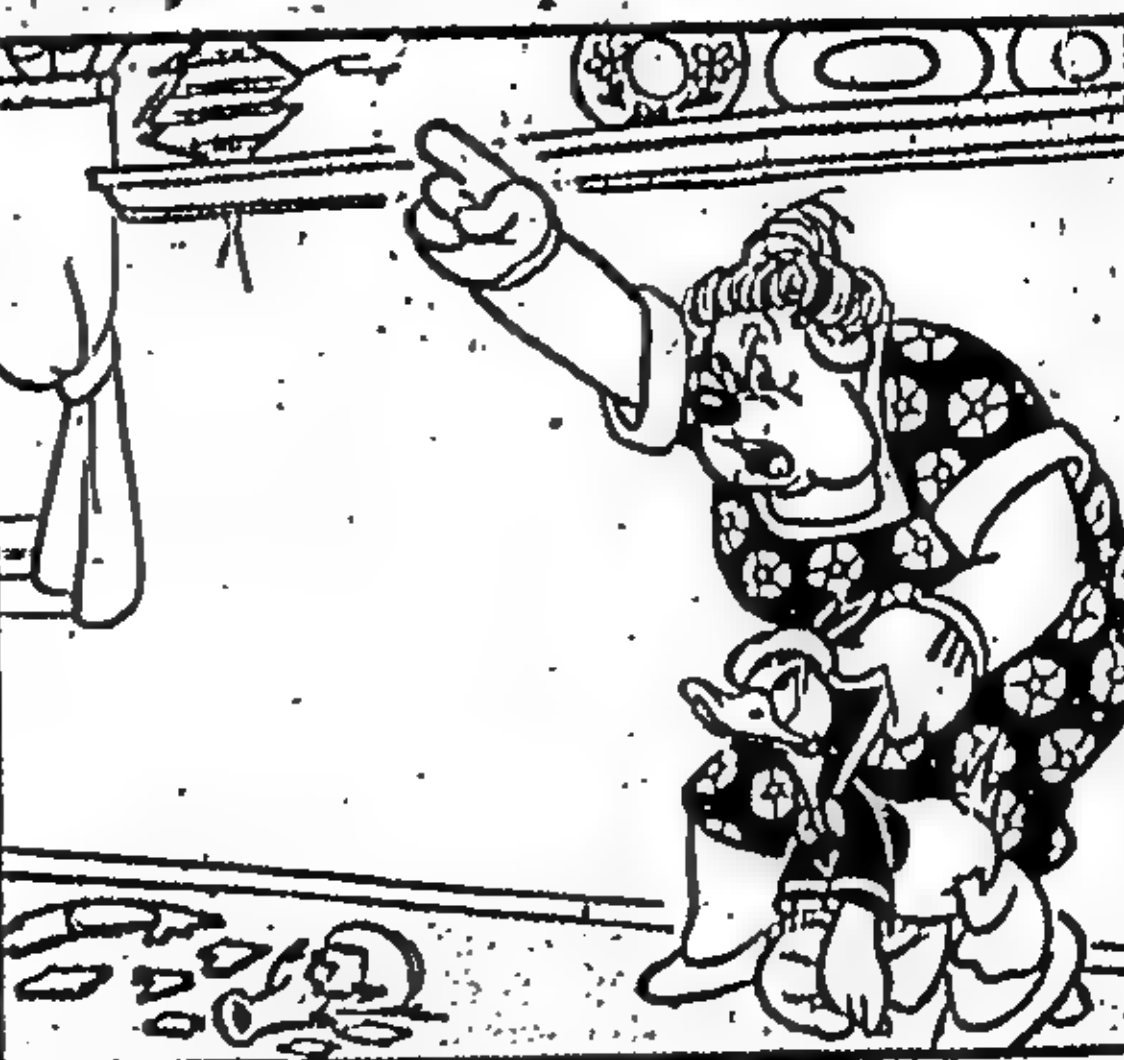
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By Walt Disney



Tiger Standish, Ace of British Intelligence Agents Saves a Minister's Wife From Danger in

SIR WILLIAM MALTBY PLUCKED AT THE LOOSE FLESH BENEATH HIS CHIN.

"I feel it is only right to tell you, Sir Lessington," he said, in an aggrieved tone, "that I can't possibly imagine that anything is really wrong with my wife. She lives a life of pure enjoyment, so far as I can tell, and what is more, she has just returned from a holiday in Somerset. At her age—she is only 27—she ought to be in the very pink of condition."

The Secretary for National Security looked at the famous neurologist as though he expected an answer straight away.

Sir Lessington Cross was discreetly non-committal. "I shall have to see Lady Maltby before I can come to any opinion."

Sir William nodded with his tie. "As I daresay you may imagine," he continued self-importantly, "I am a pretty busy man these days, and as I am already late for an important conference in Whitehall, you will have to excuse me."

With that, the plump, well-preserved man of sixty, who carried himself with an aura of not unlikeable pomposity, shook hands and walked out into the hall where his butler was waiting with hat and coat. A couple of minutes later he was in his car, speeding through the Park.

The nerve specialist, now alone, smiled to himself at the profound lack of discernment in the human race, as exemplified by this politician. There were any of a dozen causes that might account for Lady Maltby's sudden nervous collapse, as described to him over the telephone at Wimpole Street that morning. But, because Maltby himself was a very fit man (although much too stout) and because he was so absorbed in the important Cabinet post he filled (not without many arid questions being fired at him from members of all parties in the House), he resented being unable to understand why a wife, less than half his own age, should be ill.

Five minutes later, Cross was seated on a chair by the side of his patient. The bedroom showed that its owner was a woman possessing not only wealth but also artistic taste.

And the woman herself? Well, he admitted, she was undeniably attractive, even if her beauty now was marred by an expression of such intense anxiety that his professional interest had become immediately aroused.

After five minutes' questioning, during which she seemed to be putting him off with at least half-truths, he proceeded to the necessary examination. Finally, putting aside his stethoscope, he resumed his seat at the side of the bed.

"I am very glad to be able to tell you, Lady Maltby, that I can find nothing very wrong. In fact, your physical condition is quite satisfactory. I am afraid I cannot say the same about your nervous system, however; you appear to have sustained some rather severe shock quite recently. Am I right?"

"I have been very worried lately," the words came out so quickly that they were jumbled.

"Can you tell me what about? You see, it's a help to a doctor to know the underlying cause of a patient's complaint." Again she put him off with a half-truth.

"Oh, it's nothing very much . . . it's just London I think . . . I feel . . . as though there are too many people about, as though there were all pressing round me . . . I don't know what it is, but it's a nuisance, doctor, which would account for that?"

Perhaps one of the shrewdest readers of character amongst his profession, the neurologist pretended to take her question seriously.

"Oh, yes, I have a patient now, for instance, who is afraid to enter any crowded building; it's torture to him to go to the theatre—three times in one week he has made the effort and each time he has been seized by a kind of nervous panic and has had to come out. He will get better, but these things take time, of course. And," with a smile of good-humoured reproach, "you are not nearly as bad as he is. Your husband tells me that you have just come back from a holiday in the country, Lady Maltby."

Innocent enough words in all truth, yet they brought a spasm of what Sir Lessington knew must be fear—stark and dreadful—into the face of this new patient.

"Why did he tell you that?" William is always interfering with my affairs, my comings and goings. To soothe her, he caught hold of her hand.

"You must not blame your husband, Lady Maltby; he is only too anxious, as I am of course, to see you get well. Before I came up here I had a brief talk with Sir Williams, who had waited for me, and he merely mentioned in passing that you had been away to Somerset. Now,"—the pressure on her hand increasing—"remember that a doctor is like a lawyer or a priest—whatever you tell him is sacred."

"Why should you say such a thing as that?" Instead of calming her, he had brought back that expression of dreadful fear into her eyes.

"The only reason I said it was because it is obvious to me, as a doctor, that your present high-nervous condition is due, not to any physical cause, not, in other words, to illness of any kind, but to some foolish obsession which you have. I want to make you afraid, Lady Maltby."

"I'm not afraid! Why should I be afraid?" He shook his head.

"I am very busy man, Lady Maltby," he said, and now his voice was stern; "I have been called in by your husband to treat you for what he thought might be a nervous collapse. I want to help you—but I have so time to waste on difficult patients. If you will not give me your confidence, I am afraid you will have to seek other advice. Unlike some of my colleagues, perhaps, I believe in being perfectly frank with a patient. Now, Lady Maltby, I cannot help you unless you tell me your trouble; if you feel you can't, then I am wasting both your time and my own. I quite appreciate that I am here at your husband's request and not at your own."

"I can't stand any more now," she said, and turning her head away from him, she buried her face in the pillow.

Wearing the same expression as the nurses at St. Christopher's Hospital knew so well, when they had neglected an essential duty, the famous neurologist walked quietly out of the room.

The RELUCTANT CAD

By Sidney Horler

THAT NIGHT, SIR LESSINGTON DINED WITH TIGER STANDISH. The son of the Earl of Quorn and he, in spite of the twenty years' difference in their ages, were close friends—so close indeed, that Standish, watching the distant manner of his companion, began to rully him in characteristic fashion.

"What's the matter, Smudge?" he chided, giving the other the nickname he had coined because of the scar on Cross's left cheek, the legacy of a racing-car smash at Brooklands ten years before; "you look as though you've got all tangled up with a skeleton and it has given you a left hook to the jaw."

Cross continued to be mysterious. "I am in one hell of a spot, my boy," he said. Standish whistled.

"You're not going to tell me you've been playing the fool with one of your more bluff patients?"

"Don't be an ass," he said, "and the tone convinced his listener this was, if anything, an under-statement."

"Can I help?" now asked Tiger, soberly. "That's just the problem," replied the other. "I feel I ought to tell you something, something that is worrying me very much, and yet . . . well, I can't."

"If you can't, you can't—and there's an end of it . . . All right, come on; this place gets more like a morgue every day. I'm sure that old fellow over there has been dead for nearly a fortnight. Let's go along to the Criterion. I'm told it's quite a good farce; you will be able to snap out of yourself."

ENTERING HIS HOUSE IN CHAPEL STREET the following morning, Tiger had a very agreeable surprise. The usually severely-episcopal face of Bates, his butler, was slightly relaxed.

"Hello, Bates, you look as though you'd back the winner of the 3.30."

The butler took his overcoat and brushed off an imaginary fleck of dust.

"Thank you, sir," and then even more humbly showing in his face "Mrs. Standish is back, sir."

"What's the meaning of this, Heart of Jade?" he demanded of the slim and attractive girl who turned, radiant-eyed, as he swung open the door.

"Tiger, darling, you'll be breaking my ribs one of these days!" Sonia expostulated. "Sit down and listen; I felt I had to come up for a break—poor Aunt Caroline and her enviousness rather get on my nerves sometimes, and so here I am. Two whole days I'm going to be in London, so you'll have every opportunity of making a fuss of me. I want to shop, to lunch at the Berkeley, to see at least two shows . . . She clapped her hands like a child at the prospect. "Now if you're a very good boy, you shall have tea with me. I'll be ready in exactly three minutes."

When Sonia came downstairs she found him absorbed in what looked like a letter—so absorbed, in fact, that he did not even look up when she came and put a hand on his shoulder.

"Tiger!" she said, reproachfully. "Sorry, my sweet," he replied, "but . . ." and he waved the sheet of paper which he had been studying, as though offering it as an excuse for his absence of mind.

"I say," he went on quickly, "you know Isabel Tarrant before she married that monumental ass, Maltby, didn't you?"

His wife nodded. "Yes, we were at school together in Switzerland. But why on earth are you talking about Isabel Maltby now?" Then, suddenly, "Tiger, you've got better taste than that, surely?"

"What do you mean, 'better taste'? Are you accusing me of poodle-faking directly your back's turned?"

"Well, not exactly, but why are you talking about Isabel Maltby? She's always been a bit of a fixer! I suppose I ought not to tell stories out of school, but . . . well . . . only last week I saw her in a hotel at Wills."

"With a man?"

Surprised at the gravity of her husband's face, she nodded.

"Of course! The extremely attractive Isabel hasn't much use for her own sex. No, Tiger, I'll explain it all later. Tell me, what was this man like?"

"Tall, well-dressed, a bit foreign-looking in a way. If the war had not been on, I might have thought he was a German—as it is, he was probably a Swede. Isabel is quite cosmopolitan, you know."

"Don't be a cat?"

"Any woman can be a cat when she has to defend her young."

"By 'young,' do you mean my humble self?"

"I refuse to say another word until you tell me what all this mystery is about."

Tiger resorted to a piece of childish ritual. Putting the tip of his right index finger against his tongue, he then held it up.

"See that wet?" he quoted. "His wife, knowing that before he would give her his full confidence she must exchange this childish oath, wetted the tip of her own finger and drew it across her neck."

"See this wet, see this dry; hide-tidy-hi-di . . . All right, 'Tiger'—serious now, 'mum's the word!'"

Satisfied that no power on earth would ever make her go back on this pledge, he tossed the sheet of paper he had been studying over to her. Sonia straightened it out and read the typewritten note with puzzled eyes.

"This country cannot afford to have any open or covert traitors. Tiger Standish is advised in this connection to keep his eye on the company which Lady Maltby, wife of the Secretary for National Security, frequents. This communication is sent in the strictest confidence."

"I hate anonymous letters!" declared Sonia, putting the paper aside as though it soiled her hands.

"So do I," replied her husband, "but, all the same, human nature is damned queer in wartime, my sweet. I think I will get you to describe the Swedish gentleman a little more minutely."

REPORTING, AS USUAL, TO SIR HARKER BELLAMY an hour later, Tiger found "The Mole" (as Bellamy was often referred to), in one of his more waspish moods. It was a curious mental quirk of Bellamy's that he was never so bad-tempered as when there was a temporary lull of work. He turned a pair of lack-lustre eyes on his favourite agent as Standish entered the room.

"Nothing for you," he said, gloomily; "we seem to have cleaned up all the Nasties for the time being."

"Fine!" declared Standish; "then I shall be able to elude your beastly clutches and get into uniform of some kind!"

This stung Bellamy. "Not on your life!" he growled; "something will crop up very soon; meanwhile you can take a day or so off—that is, as long as you let me know where I can reach you by telephone."

AS SHE HEARD THE FAINT TRILLING IN THE NEXT ROOM, Lady Maltby shivered. The maid entered.

"The telephone, my lady."

"Thank you, Mitchell."

As she walked to the door, she wondered if the maid noticed her unsteady gait. The strain of the past two days had been almost unbearable. And now this human devil was pressing her again . . .

With a hand that shook, she took off the receiver. "Lady Maltby?" she heard.

"Yes . . . who is it?" As though she did not know. "The new patterns have arrived, my lady; perhaps you would be kind enough to look in sometime? This evening at nine o'clock would suit. You will? Thank you very much, my lady."

She had not said a word, but such was the power the speaker held over her, he had insolently taken her acquiescence for granted.

"Hello, Isabel!"

The door had opened without her hearing it, but the sound of her husband's voice, coming at that moment, was so startling. She felt backwards, dragging the instrument with her to the floor.

"Isabel! You're ill again! Shall I phone that fellow Cross?"

The words seemed to come from a great distance; she was rapidly losing consciousness; all she could remember was saying quickly, "No!—No!—No! NOT CROSS, I can't stand him,"—and then blackness swallowed her up.

Sir William Maltby looked what he was, a man both perplexed and worried. Mixed with these two emotions, was yet a third—anger. Why was Isabel so inconsiderate as to behave in this manner? Surely he had enough on his mind without being upset in such a way! It was most thoughtless. But perhaps he had only himself to blame after all; he should never have married a girl who had such poor control over her feelings. She could not help being ill, of course; but he had called in the best man possible, and with what results? Why, she had just said that she could not stand Cross?

Feeling that his endurance was at an end, he rang the bell.

"Your mistress has fainted," he said to the maid who was endeavouring to hide her astonishment. "Ring up Dr. Hoskins and ask him to come round immediately; then tell Louise to come here at once."

Having done all he considered possible, Sir William Maltby stalked away.

THE MAN'S FACE WAS MERELY A BLUR; the desk lamp had been turned round so that the light fell on the visitor. It showed a woman ravaged by fear.

"I tell you I can't do it!"

"My dear Isabel," the man who sat in the shadows returned; "haven't you righteous English a saying something to the effect that nothing is impossible providing the heart is sufficiently courageous? If you haven't, you should have, because it so typifies a certain type of British hypocrisy. You tell me you find it impossible to obtain the information I require—but you are the wife of the Secretary of the National Security Department. You are in his confidence, I suppose?"

She clutched at the straw.

"You don't know my husband; he never talks about his work to me."

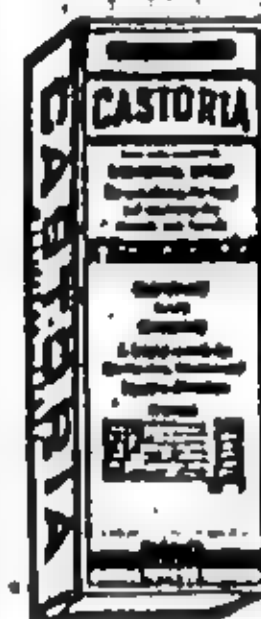
"The other was unrelenting."

"Perhaps not, but it is my information that he keeps a lot of papers in the safe in his library at 407 Hans Place. I happen to have obtained the combination of that safe—"

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Question of Retaliation

THE German Luftwaffe has laid the inoffensive city of Southampton in ruins, killing and wounding hundreds of non-combatant civilians and rendering thousands more homeless. This act serves once again to remind one of the utter barbarity of modern warfare as practised by the Huns. Coming so swiftly, too, upon the "horror" bombings of Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham and London, the old argument as to whether Britain should or should not indulge in reprisals of a like nature is immediately resurrected.

If numbers are taken into account the "retaliationists" are fairly certain to be in the majority; many of them are just longing for it. Among their arguments is this: in the last war the Germans were guilty of first using gas, a treacherous and brutal deed. To have allowed our soldiers to be thus victimised without protection would have been intolerable. Therefore, the Allies were forced to use the same weapon, and they gave the Huns more than they received. The wind factor was generally in favour of the Allies, and probably the enemy regretted that they had started this vile breach of international law. But before the war was over they had covered themselves with infamy in their cold-blooded disregard of all law.

Another argument—and one that opens up a wide field of controversy—is that there are no German civilians. According to the Nazi philosophy, all Germans, men, women and children, belong body and soul, to the State machinery alike for war and peace. The only civilians in Germany are in the concentration camps and prisons.

Retaliation for the sheer sake of it has always been abhorrent to the Englishman's nature; he prefers to keep his fighting clean. But just as the Huns in the last war forced the Allies into adopting German methods, and ruled the day accordingly, so will Hitler, if he persists in

"YOU see," said the smiling, suave Siamese officer, speaking in excellent English, "they understand when I talk to them in Siamese; they are the same people as ourselves." "They" were the sturdy Thos of the mountain-country near the Tongking-Chinese frontier.

The speaker was a member of the Siamese military mission which toured French Indo-China in the early part of last year. As the general commanding the French forces said to me after the Thailanders had left, "We showed them all there was to see," and then he added cryptically, "even more than there was to see."

One wonders if the subtle Siamese were as glib as in their politeness they seemed. They certainly admired the admirable network of good roads with which the French have criss-crossed Indo-China, especially as Siam is an almost roadless country; but the Thailanders could hardly have spent several weeks in French territory without having formed a very shrewd idea of the disaffection of the native Annamese population and of the naval and military weakness of the French in their Far Eastern dominion.

"Thailand"

Soon after the Siamese military mission had returned home the name of their country was officially changed to "Thailand," and the change was no mere academic one.

"Indo-China" is a word that suggests a mingling of India and China, but as a matter of fact the French Indo-Chinese Union was a political entity with no geographical, cultural or historical basis. The French possessions fell into two sharply contrasted parts.

From the bend of the Mekong river (where it curves round to border the eastern bulge of Siamese territory) down to its delta, the great stream divides roughly what is "Indian" by culture from what is "Chinese" by civilisation. Northwards the line of cultural division follows the crest of the mountains so as to leave within the "Indian" zone all the Laos country.

The transition from the one zone to the other is most marked when you go westwards from Cochinchina (that is "Little China") into Cambodia. Within a few miles you are in a new world. You have crossed the dividing line between the Far East and the Middle East.

China Into India

You leave the little Chinese-looking huts with their good-luck streamers of red paper inscribed with Chinese characters, the little Mongoloid black-clad men and women under limp hats who totter unsmilingly along the road weighed down

his present terrorising tactics, demand and receive, the Wrathful vengeance of the British air force. The thought of Europe's loveliest cities being laid waste is repellent, but if Hitler imagines that by doing this to England he can win the war, Britain will be bound to prove to him, by retaliation, that he is wrong.

ALAN HOUGHTON BRODRICK

discusses some of the political possibilities which lie behind the establishment of a foothold in France's Far Eastern possession by Japan, with particular reference to

THAILAND'S DESIGNS for share in INDO-CHINA

with heavy burdens slung from bamboo shoulder-poles, the joss-houses, the spirit-screens, the far-reaching paddies and sugar-cane plantations and the dusty, dry, aromatic smell of China. Suddenly you look around you on the wide, mostly uncultivated plains dotted with bottle-boled sugar-palms. The country-side no longer heaves with hundreds of thousands of busy figures. You are among a few leisurely, strolling, smiling people, taller, more bronzed, more muscular, more like ourselves.

The Cambodians seem to have but little to do. They sit, with a sash tied about their waists, and their impish children play. Buddhist monks with shaven heads move slowly by, clad in canary-coloured robes. The

their protectorate of Cambodia the two provinces of Battambang and Siem-Reap, in the latter of which is situated Angkor.

By the changing of the name of Siam to Thailand the Bangkok Government tacitly staked its claim to the control of all the lands inhabited by speakers of the Thai languages. At the time the claim seemed ambitious, but the swift march of events looks like making at least part of the Siamese dream into a reality.

Almost simultaneously with the Japanese demands on the French—demands for the pas-

States and the Burmese Shan States should be one. With regard to the French, however, whose prestige has sunk to its nadir, the Thailanders threaten that if their demands are not met the non-aggression treaty will not be ratified.

Even in present circumstances they would hardly have dared to use such language were they not sure of the support of powerful friends. The powerful friends do not, of course, do anything for nothing.

Siam is strategically and economically a country of the highest importance. Although it is wedged in between French and British territory in the north and bounded by the frontier of British Malaya in the extreme south, the Siamese section of the Malay peninsula has outlets on both seas—the China Sea to the east and the Gulf of Bengal to the west.

Kra Canal Rumours

Although all the rumours about the cutting of the Kra canal to connect the two seas can be, for the moment, disregarded, some progress has been made with the construction of a highway across the peninsula from Chumphon on the east to Kraburi on the west, with an extension to the tin centre, Renong.

A beginning has already been achieved towards the equipment of two small naval bases, which might be suitable for submarines, and at least one of these, Singora, on the Gulf of Siam, about 150 miles north of the British Malaya frontier, has been demanded on lease by the Japanese. We shall no doubt hear more of this after the "good will" mission has returned from Tokyo.

The Japanese in control of the naval bases at Haiphong in Tongking, Tourane and Camranh in Annam and installed in the Malay peninsula would be masters of the coasts of the China Sea and the not too distant neighbours of Singapore.

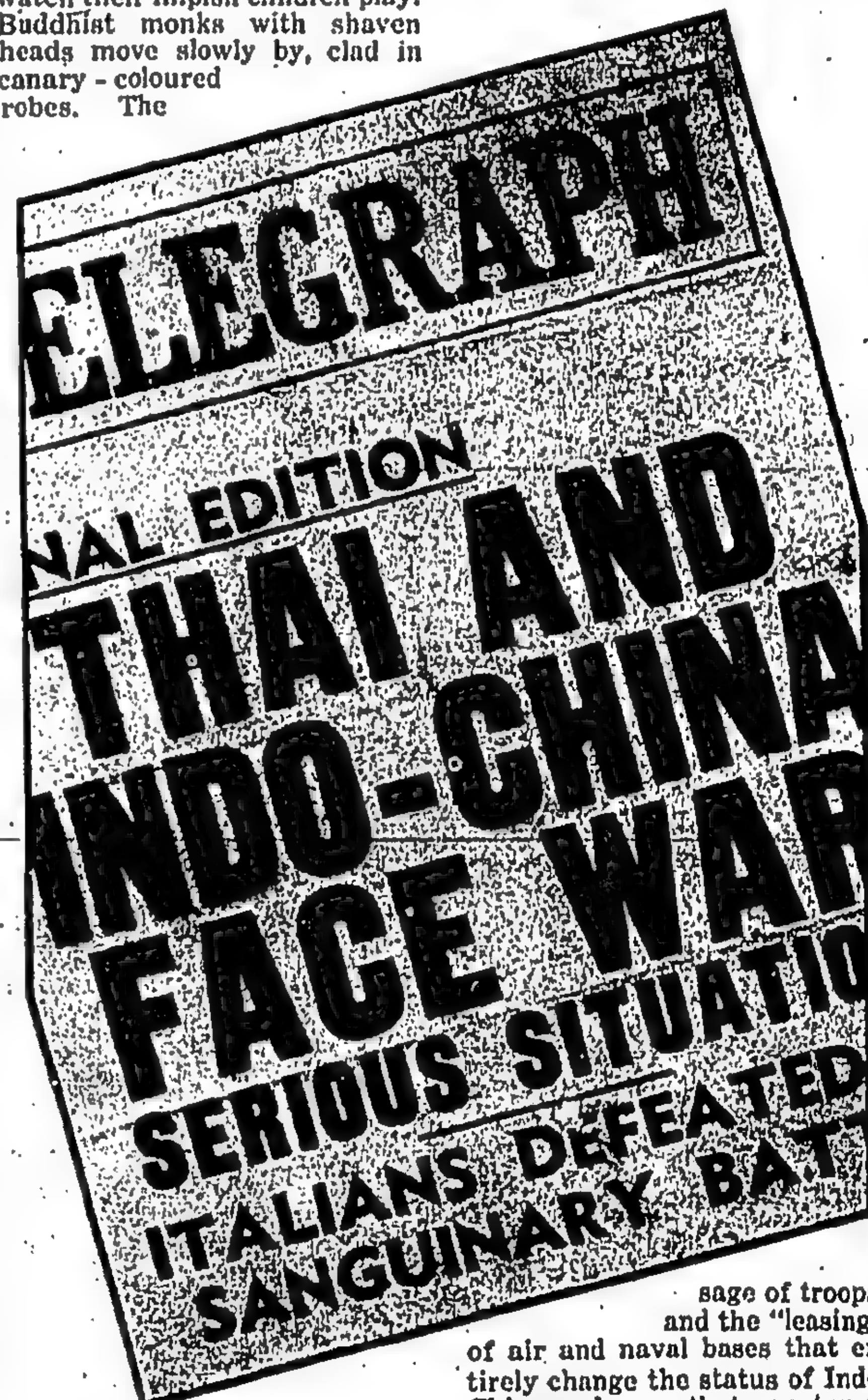
Economically Siam is underdeveloped. More than four-fifths of the 15,000,000 inhabitants are rice growers, and the Japanese, pressed by the urgent problem of finding a substitute for American cotton, mean to make the Thailanders switch over to cotton cultivation at least in part. French Indo-China alone can meet the Japanese needs for imported rice. Thailand's rubber production can be immensely increased. There are almost inexhaustible supplies of hard woods. The northern hills are probably rich in minerals, and Siam lies right athwart the tin belt of eastern Asia.

Japan's Real Aim

Japan's plan for the moment seems to be economic predominance until the Chinese situation has been in some way cleared up. The long-distance plans of the Japanese undoubtedly comprise political control.

Tokyo would like to see back again the ideal state of things portrayed on the old maps: "Empire of Annam," under a puppet emperor like another Manchukuo, and "Empire of Siam"—as much an economic, and consequently, a political, dependency as the Japanese hope to make North China.

It remains to be seen how the little peoples of the south-east will like the ruthless methods of Nippon. As a shrewd Annamese once said to me, "We fear the Japanese because, since they are like ourselves, Orientals, we shall never be able to hide from them what we think, what we desire, and what we hope to do."



houses are brilliantly tiled and are carved with the figures of the magic world of Indian mythology. The wayside signs are written in an alphabetic writing remotely akin to our own. The country reeks of wood-smoke and the hot, spicy odours of India.

You have left the Far East.

The Siamese by the end of the 18th century had become the dominant people from the mountains of Annam to the Burmese frontier.

The old European maps, in fact, show all that is now Siam and French Indo-China divided between the "Empire of Annam" and the "Empire of Siam."

After the occupation of Indo-China by the French and the establishment of our suzerainty over Burma, the continued existence of Siam as an independent State was due to Anglo-French rivalry in the 'nineties of the last century. At the beginning of this century the French forced the Siamese to cede to

sage of troops, and the "lensing" of air and naval bases that entirely change the status of Indo-China and open that country to Japanese penetration and influence—the Siamese also present their claims.

The Bangkok Government wants a frontier rectification in the Savannakhet region, the cessation of the huge and potentially valuable Laos country, and the retrocession of the Battambang and Siem-Reap provinces. Nothing is as yet said about Cambodia, formerly a tributary State of the Siamese.

There is little doubt that these demands were made with the approval of the Japanese, and they were probably made at the instigation of the Tokyo Government as part of their schemes for a "New Order in Asia." This year the Siamese Military Mission, under the command of the Vice-Minister for National Defence, has gone to Japan on a "good will" errand and arrived in Tokyo on Sept. 20.

A short time ago the Thailand Government signed non-aggression treaties with their neighbours, Great Britain and France. The Siamese have no sort of claim to any British controlled territory, although some of the wilder men in Bangkok have hinted that the Siamese Shan

Tripartite Nations Flounder Deeply In Morass Of Discord

From "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Hitler's first approach to Marshal Petain having failed it would seem that the Fuehrer is now attempting to redeem his failure by guile. By arranging for the veteran French leader to return to Versailles, the Germans, with the aid of Laval, the Vice Premier, are pursuing a double object.

At Versailles, Petain will not be able to exercise the same control over all branches of the administration of unoccupied France thus leaving Laval a freer hand, and at the same time Petain will be exposed to the attention of his German masters who may be expected to use all their arts to flatter him into agreeing with their plans.

Hitler's efforts at the moment are reminiscent of a juggler trying to keep several plates spinning at the same time.

Spinning In Rhythm

Italy, Japan, Spain and France all have to be kept spinning in rhythm and the task is proving more and more difficult. Italy appears to resent efforts to win France as the offer to Laval is largely at her expense, and Mussolini must realise that his partner feels him to be a liability rather than an asset at the moment.

Despite the desperate straits of the Italian armies in Albania, there has not been the slightest gesture of help or even sympathy from Berlin.

Japan, whose association with the Axis was described as the greatest achievement in history, is also not running as the master juggler would like. The open pact against Communism entered into with the puppet government of Nanking is not likely to facilitate von Ribbentrop's aims.

to bring about a Soviet-Japanese agreement.

Russia And America

These two plates seem both to be working out of control. There is nothing to show that any change whatsoever in Russo-German relations has resulted from M. Molotov's visit to Berlin. Neither has there been any variation in Russia's attitude to Britain.

There has however, been a slight improvement in Soviet relations with the United States and in the circumstances this is very significant seeing that the tripartite pact was ostensibly directed against America.

Finally, the position of Spain would appear to be unchanged and for the moment the question of Morocco is no longer being ventilated.

This would also seem to have been sacrificed to the more immediate aim of winning France.

OLD ARAB EDITION OF GOSPEL FOUND

Monsieur Giovanni Galbiati, curator of Milan's famous Ambrosiana library, has announced the discovery of an ancient Arab edition of the Gospel of St. John. The volume, discovered while cataloguing a collection of old Arabic volumes, was perfectly preserved despite its great age, which is as yet undetermined.

MYSTERY PLANE Amazing Speed Reported

Rome, Dec. 2. It is reliably stated that Colonel Mario de Bernardi, Schneider cup winner, reached a speed of 625 miles per hour while testing Italy's new mystery propellerless plane, which is operated by compressed gas. According to aviation experts, the invention is being perfected and still further efforts are being made to attain a speed of 3,000 miles per hour.—United Press.

Bigger Italian Army

Rome, Dec. 2. It is officially announced that Mussolini has decreed a \$700,000,000 allotment to the War Ministry to reinforce the army.—United Press.

Pointless Nazi Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 3. (UP).—In connection with the German communiqué claiming that the convoy escort cruiser Caledonia has been sunk, naval circles pointed out that the auxiliary cruiser Caledonia was renamed Scotstoun, and was admitted to have been sunk on June 14. The German claim specifically mentions the Scotstoun's tonnage as being 17,040.

BROTHERLY LOVE

As soon as he heard that his brother was a prisoner of war in Germany, 18-year-old R. E. Woods, a clerk in Eltham, Kent, Council Offices, wrote to the Council asking to be released to join the R.A.F. "I feel I should do more than I am doing to speed up my brother's release," he said. The young clerk was called to the Council chamber. The chairman congratulated him, released him and promised to keep his job open.



BABY IS VICTIM—This picture was made two minutes after a Nazi bomb crashed in London. Air-Raid Precaution worker guides horror-stricken mother toward medical station. Baby is unconscious.

Belgium Reviews Havoc Of Nazi Blitzkrieg

BRUSSELS, Dec. 3.—Six months after the German Army began to blast its way through Belgium the little country looks as though the clock had been turned back to 1914. A final check made by the Commissariat of Reconstruction reveals that only one-fifth of Belgium's 2,500 towns and villages escaped war damaged.

German and Allied weapons razed 9,832 houses to the ground, severely damaged 24,156, and slightly damaged 117,710. Approximately 6,000 miles of Belgian roads have been destroyed or damaged; more than 100 railway stations and depots have been

destroyed; and 1,455 bridges and tunnels have been blown up. The Commissariat estimates that reconstruction will cost roughly thirteen milliard francs, which is more than the country's total expense budget in its worst year.

Brussels, Antwerp and Liege suffered only slightly. Medium-sized towns such as Tournai, Louvain, Nivelles, and Ostende suffered most. In Tournai, world-famous "Royal City," almost all the numerous monuments were crushed. Ostende is now a ruin and is likely to suffer further damages in the future.

The Commissariat reports that 5,045 houses and buildings have been repaired and that work is progressing on 7,000 more. Eight thousand workers are occupied clearing the debris of exploded bridges and traffic hindrances.—United Press.

SHIP IN DISTRESS Hellenic Trader Aground

The Panama steamer Hellenic Trader which left Hongkong on Monday to load coal at Hongkong, went aground in an exposed position in Hainan Straits at 10 p.m. yesterday, according to information received by the agents, Mollers Ltd.

First intimation of the vessel's plight was a United Press message from Manila stating that an S.O.S. had been received from the vessel saying she was stranded and breaking up and required assistance.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock's powerful tug Henry Keswick has left Hongkong to try and salvage the steamer.

There are believed to be about five European members in the crew on board the steamer which is aground in a position exposed to the monsoon, according to mariners who have studied her position.

The Hellenic Trader, which is of about 3,000 tons deadweight, was not carrying either cargo or passengers. She was formerly under the Greek flag, being owned by the Greek Consul at Shanghai. She is now under charter to the Tai Yau Steamship Company, Hongkong.

Old Resident Leaves

Mr. Mahan Singh

The monthly social function of the Indian Association of Hongkong and South China was held in the Sindh Merchant Club, and coincided with a farewell party given in honour of Mr. Mahan Singh, the Vice-President of the Association, who is shortly leaving for India.

Mr. A. Vaswani, who presided over the function, and other members including Messrs. B. Datta, Mohamed Afzal, Gurbux Singh, K. B. Valdia and J. Klima, paid warm tributes to the sterling qualities of Mr. Mahan Singh, who incidentally is one of the organisers of the Association.

Mr. Mahan Singh is an old resident of the Colony, having been here for over 34 years.

GEORGE H. CHUBB DIES AT SWATOW

News has just been received in the Colony of the death at Swatow on November 29 of Mr. George H. Chubb.

The late Mr. Chubb was in charge of the Standard Oil Company of New York's godown at Swatow, having been in the employ of the company for the last five years. He was 40 years of age, and had been stationed at Canton, Manila and for a short period in Hongkong.

He leaves a wife at Swatow, two brothers, Jack and Thomas, a sister Annie, and his mother at Foochow.

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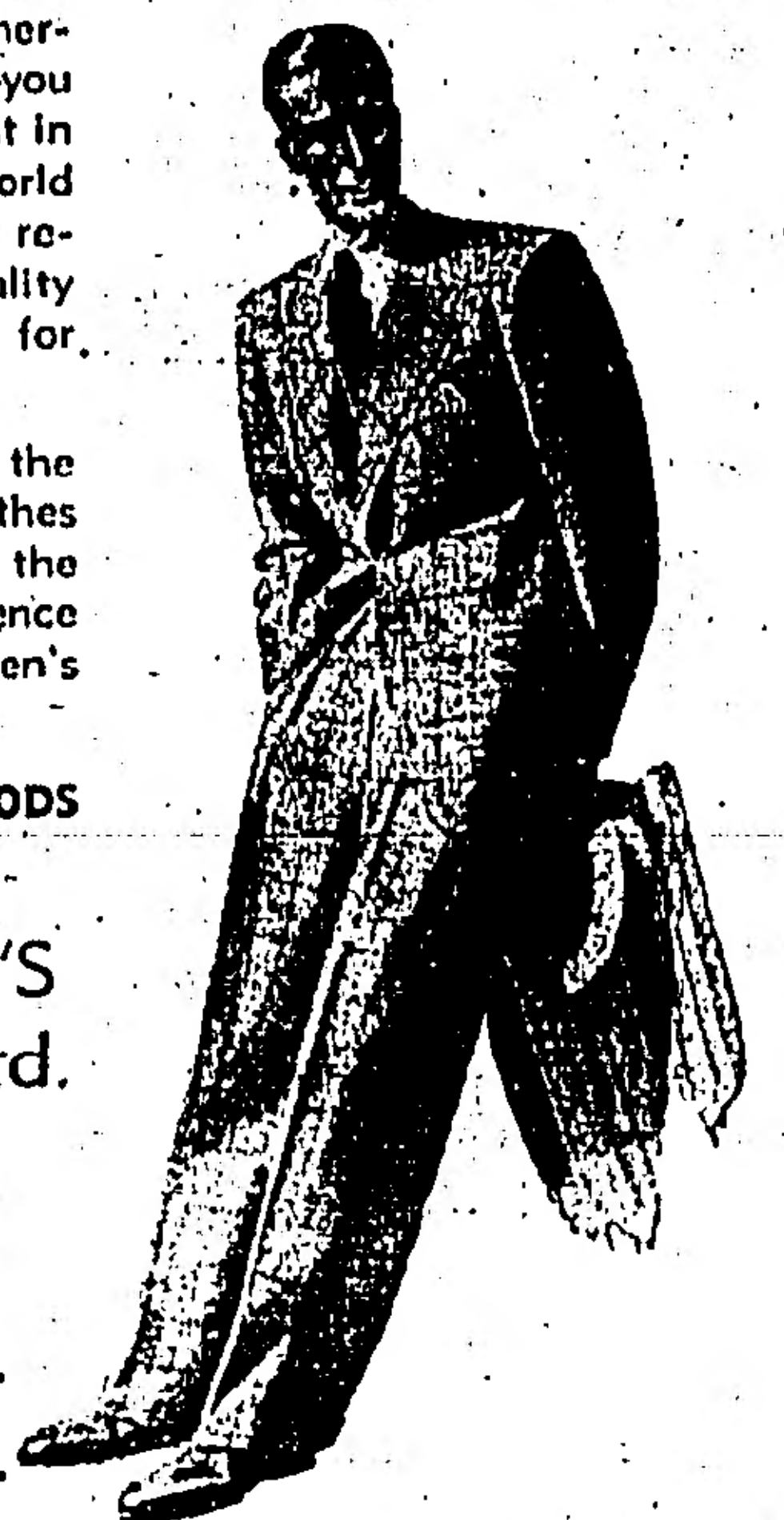
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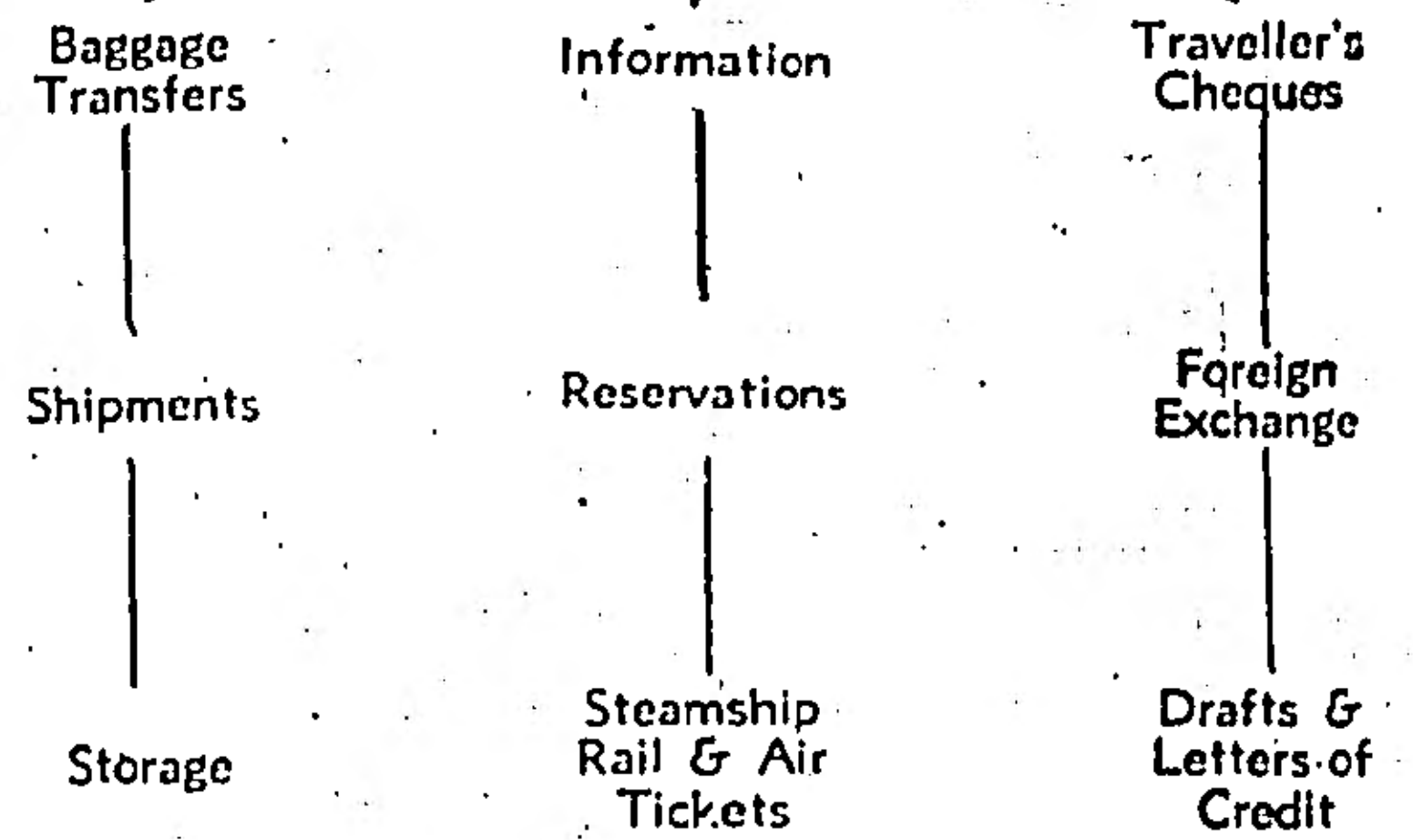
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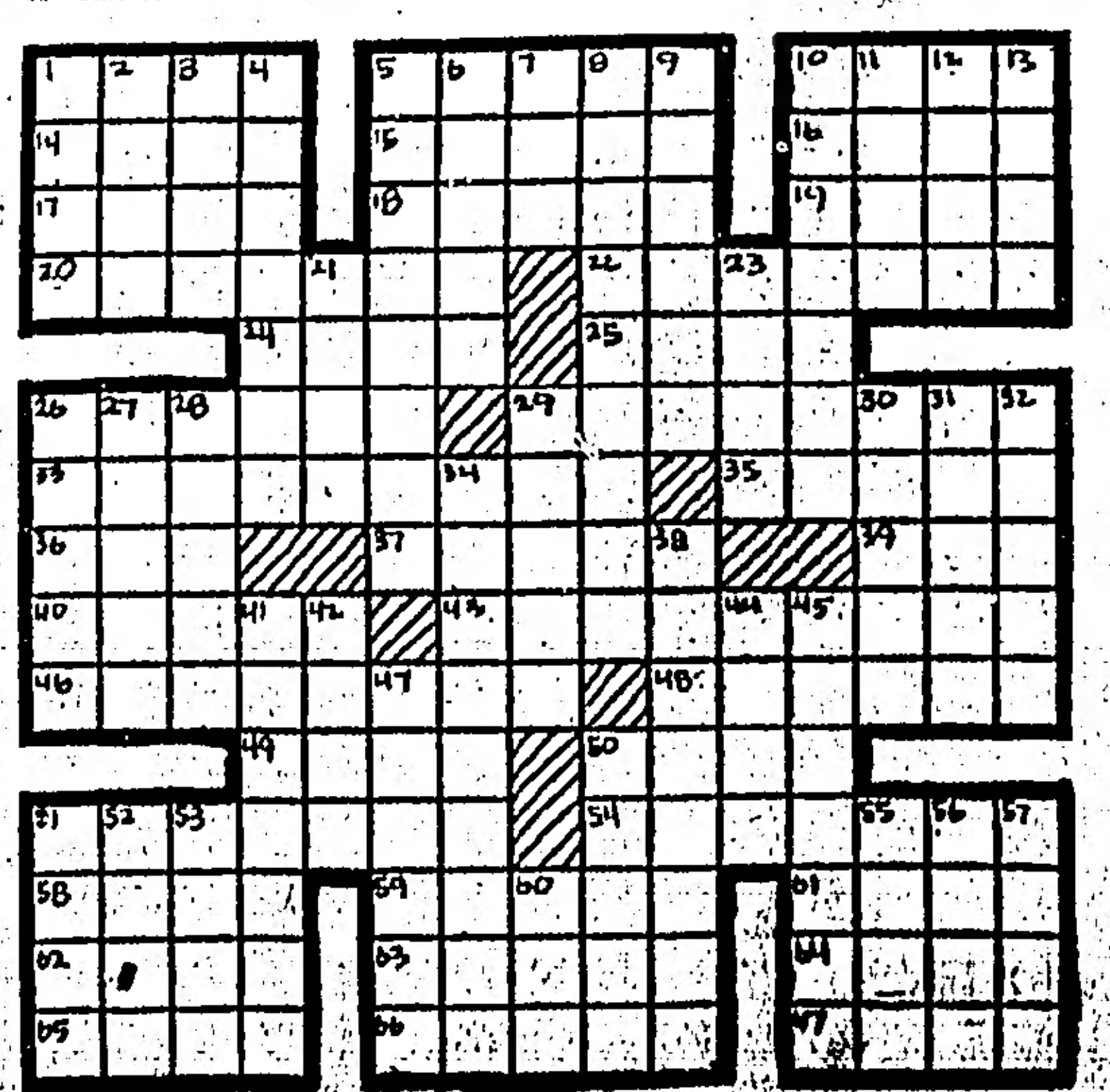
BY LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Sculpture of head
- 2—Tetter out, as hat
- 3—Diet
- 4—Dueling sword
- 5—Valuable booty
- 6—Liver
- 7—Liver subdivision
- 8—Clear
- 9—Liver secretion
- 10—Ring-shaped
- 11—One owing allegiance to a government
- 12—Kiln for drying hops
- 13—Dreched light
- 14—Make sudden push
- 15—Constructed underground passage
- 16—Nasty reveler
- 17—Roman magistrals
- 18—Unit of energy
- 19—Pertaining to net work
- 20—Woman's nicknames
- 21—Biblical volume
- 22—Disturbance order of
- 23—Fired from castle
- 24—Raccoon
- 25—Form of fuel
- 26—Bitter tonic
- 27—Rite of temple of
- 28—Kingdom in Asia, nominally under French control
- 29—Huge bird
- 30—Wilde-mouthed pot
- 31—Unit of area

DOWN

- 1—Greek letter
- 2—On
- 3—Heedless
- 4—Delicate
- 5—Terrible accident
- 6—Open to view
- 7—Mist
- 8—Breaks
- 9—Pertaining to Asiatic country
- 10—Clothed
- 11—Western state (abbr.)
- 12—Flooding material
- 13—British War Secretary
- 14—Opposite of East
- 15—Air
- 16—Walk on
- 17—Warm of animals
- 18—Business (French)
- 19—Kind of cloth
- 20—Liquor of Africa
- 21—Depressions
- 22—Act of retaining
- 23—Liquor and conical
- 24—Type of flower—cluster (pl.)
- 25—Circian support
- 26—Indian wet-curse
- 27—Clothing racks from outer space
- 28—German author of "Faust"
- 29—Small vegetable
- 30—Liquor of Ptolemaean nations
- 31—As one time
- 32—Son of Lohi
- 33—Palm delivered with palm
- 34—Name of forearm
- 35—Liquor in Germany
- 36—Shell that fails to explode



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Around The Courses

Kowloon Golfers Appreciate Country Club Course

Sand Greens Presented No Obstacles: Match To Be Duplicated

(By "Birdie")

BRILLIANT WEATHER at Sheungshui on Sunday contributed to make the Country Club-Kowloon golf match one of the most pleasant functions at the New Territories' Club. The sand greens presented little difficulty to the Kowloon players, in fact, they were not quite as fast as was anticipated.

It was altogether a genial day, and the score, as was mentioned at the end of the day, was of no consequence. There were only seven of the 18 matches in which byes were played, and the Country Club won three of those seven.

The complete scores were:

	Country Club	Kowloon
A. W. Ramsey beat A. J. Dennis 4 and 3	1 1/2	
A. A. Lopes beat W. V. Ahern 5 and 4	1 1/2	
R. E. Lee lost to E. F. Fincher 5 and 3		1 1/2
F. E. A. Remedios and R. K. Collings all square		
E. J. M. Churn lost to A. K. Mackenzie 4 and 3	1 1/2	
T. Y. C. Lee lost to A. Eastman 3 and 2	1	
W. C. Hung lost to E. C. Fischer 3 and 2	1	
C. H. T. Suen lost to T. Low 3 and 2	1	
J. Basto lost to T. Lamb 4 and 3	1 1/2	
M. F. de Pinna lost to W. Kershaw 3 and 2	1	
X. M. Silva lost to Christensen 4 and 3	1 1/2	
A. R. de Pinna and T. Henderson all square		
Singles total	2 1/2	0

Ramsey and Lopes beat Dennis and Ahern 3 and 2	2	
R. E. Lee and Remedios lost to E. F. Fincher and Collings 3 and 1		2
Churn and T. Y. C. Lee lost to Mackenzie and Eastman 1 down		2
Hung and Suen lost to Fincher and Low 2 down		2
Basto and Pinna lost to Lamb and Kershaw 2 and 1		2
Silva and A. R. Pinna lost to Christensen and Henderson 6 and 4	1/2	2
Fourballs total	2 1/2	10
Grand total	5	10

It was a hot day and the course was very dry. The application of water to the greens, however, had made them comparatively soft and holding. There were several birdies, of which the most peculiar were two on the second. W. Kershaw over-ran and from behind and below the green holed out his chip for a birdie.

J. J. Basto, opponent in the four-ball, proceeded to "do likewise" from outside.

There is every prospect that the match will be duplicated in the near future—probably towards the end of January. Kowloon, naturally, wish to play a return match on their course, but with firing and competitions (at both Clubs) it may take a bit of negotiating.

In weather like this, players are advised to watch carefully where they drop cigarette ends. One of the members of the Country Club, not playing in the match, failed to completely stamp one out on the second hole and a small fire was started. Had it not been noticed, considerable damage might have been done to the fairway.

THE women's match at Kowloon ended all square. Actually, the Misses Churn (M. C. and M. B.) are considered to be part of the Country Club team, but being members of both Clubs, and Kowloon being short, they turned out for Kowloon.

The greens at Kowloon, at the moment, however, are decidedly more tricky than those at Sheungshui, and in this respect the women had a far more difficult day. But it was more enjoyable, and they, too, are hoping that a second match can be arranged.

ENTRIES for the Junior Championship at the Country Club have not reached a sufficient number. Closing date was last Sunday, but only seven

Unparalleled Feat In Championship Golf

AT NEWCASTLE, Co. Down, in the 36-holes final of the 1933 Irish Open golf championship, Eric Fiddian, an English champion, twice holed out in one against Jack McLean.

In the first round Fiddian holed his tee shot at the seventh hole (128 yards) and in the second round repeated the performance at the 14th hole (205 yards).

This feat is unparalleled in a championship match.

SIR ABE BAILEY'S STUD AND STOCK SOLD AT NEWMARKET

NEWMARKET, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—One of the greatest sales of thoroughbred blood-stock ever was held to-day when the late Sir Abe Bailey's entire stock and stud, numbering 84 lots, was sold at the order of the executors, and which realised 42,677 guineas. The highest price was 5,200 guineas for the nine-year-old stallion, Tiberius, which was purchased by Lord Glanely.

Export Of Racing Stock From Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Pointing out that hundreds of thousands of pounds of British racing thoroughbred stock had been exported to North and South America, India, Australia and elsewhere, Lord Rosebery, speaking at the Annual meeting of Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket, urged the importance of continuing racing in wartime.

He said that export trade was always of the greatest value to breeders, and Government's policy was to continue the export trade.

Lord Rosebery urged breeders to continue as long as possible, and deprecated the selling of well bred yearlings for five or ten guineas for the purpose of being slaughtered to feed greyhounds, which are still allowed to race on the track.

Boxing

Godoy Training For Third Try At World Title

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3 (UP).—Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavy-weight, has begun training for his third attempt at the world title. To-day he gained an easy decision over Tony Musto, of Chicago. Although he had him on the verge of a knock-out half a dozen times he lacked the punch to put him away.

Lou Salica Retains Bantamweight Crown

Toronto, Dec. 3. In his first fight in defence of the world bantamweight championship, Lou Salica to-day beat Small Montana, of the Philippines, by a technical knock-out in the third round after Montana had been floored nine times.—Reuter.

names were on the card. For this reason, the closing date has been extended one week, and entries will close on the coming Sunday.

FROM one of the members of the Kowloon G.C. on Sunday, a brilliant suggestion has been received for the improvement of the holes on the sand greens. The great trouble at the moment is that the iron cups must extend to the level of the sand surface, otherwise the sides will crumble.

The suggestion is that the upper edges of the cups be coated or surfaced with rubber—not the resilient kind—which would have the same deadening effect as the grass edges of normal cups.

The problem of putting will then be solved, for at the moment, a firm putt is as likely to run round the edge and jump out again or strike the metal edge and rebound clear of the hole as it is of going down.

One such rubber sheath is being made for experimental purposes.



NET COMER—Stepping along toward ace position in ranks of nation's leading tennis players is Frank Kovacs, above, of Oakland, Cal. Big fellow has way of flicking ball that not only puts him in top-flight ranks but confounds opponents.

Navy And Artillery In Scoreless Rugby Game

NAVY and Royal Artillery met in a scoreless game of rugby at Causeway Bay yesterday, the latter team being considerably weakened by the absence of many of their better players who were taking part in 5th A.A. v. Medical Corps Small Units League match.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billiards & Snooker

Sir.—May I be allowed to trespass on the space of your sports page in the interests of Charity?

Quite recently you published an article upon Billiards and Snooker generally, and in that article you made reference to the "Cue Crusaders." I have an ambition to establish a local branch of that worthy organisation in this Colony, but being fully aware of my own limitations, I must not necessarily appeal for help in an endeavour to bring that local branch into life.

It is with this object that I appeal to all who are interested in Billiards and Snooker, either for recreational benefit or for charity, to communicate with me as early as possible in order that the fullest advantage may be taken of the current season.

For the information of those who are unaware of the objects of the "Cue Crusaders" I should like to repeat that these are three-fold:

(1) To keep the spirit of the game alive;

(2) To foster an ever growing comradeship amongst all players;

(3) To work for Charity, and the greatest is Charity.

Now whilst it can be appreciated that from a playing point of view, only the best players have any real value, it is not proposed to confine recruiting to such players only. It is of primary importance in the interests of the organisation and of the charities that are to benefit from its efforts, that a really good organiser be found who can direct the efforts of the Cue Crusaders along those channels that lead to the best results.

I feel sure that a Committee composed of enthusiastic billiard and snooker players and indefatigable workers for charity, led by one of proved organising ability, can produce results that would surprise even the most optimistic, of whom there is none greater than myself.

Will anybody and everybody interested please communicate with me c/o "The Hongkong Telegraph," marking envelopes in the top corner "Cue Crusaders"?

CHARLES TERRAN

Hongkong C. C. Team

The following will represent Hongkong C.C. 1st XI against the University at cricket on Saturday:

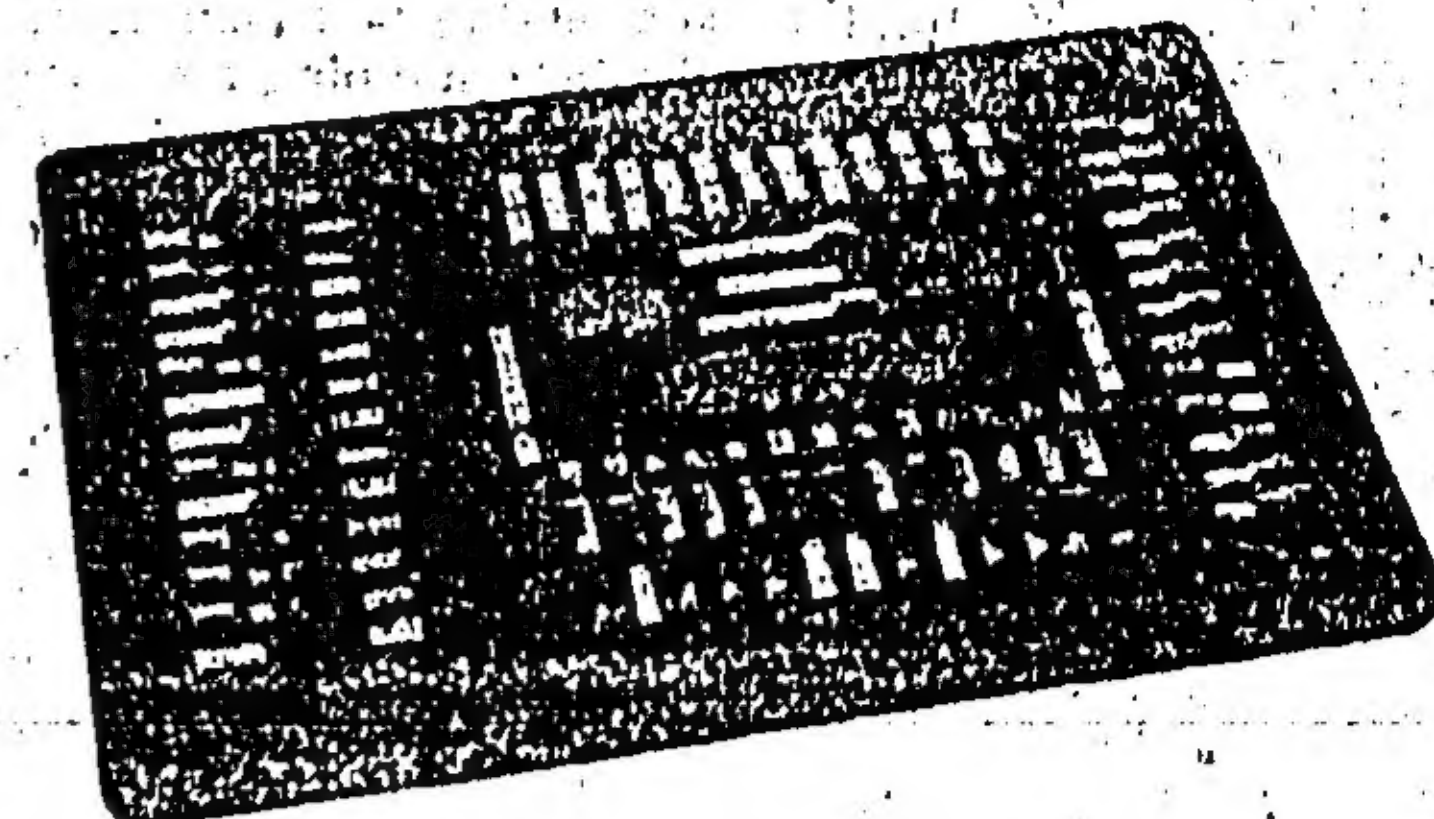
Major D. C. F. Grose (Capt.), N. D. Hooker, D. S. Robb, D. N. Walker, D. O. Parnham, J. C. Pearce, Surg-Lieut. Comdr. W. G. Finnie, Capt. J. Lawrence, H. J. Armstrong, A. K. Mackenzie and C. E. Gilman.



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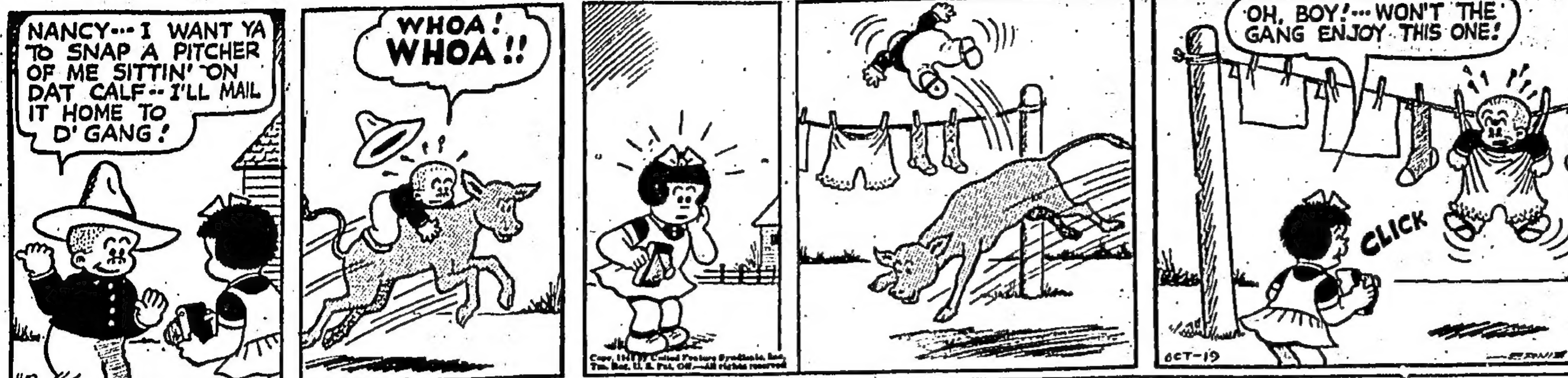
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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe".

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Murgatroyd and Winterbottom.

Scientifically, Of Course! (Crick-Frankau-Handley), Winter Sports (Frankau-Handley-Crick), Pets (Frankau-Handley-Crick).

1.12 George Scott-Wood, His Accordion Band and Six Swingers.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Haydn—Symphony in G Major ("Military").

1st Mov: Adagio-Allegro; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Moderato) and Trio; 4th Mov: Finale (Presto).... Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

2.15 Close Down.

2.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Variety Programme.

Vocal and Piano—There's Rain in My Eyes (McCurthy and Others).

Take Me In Your Arms (Roncoroni).... Leslie Hutchinson; Three Pianos

—Boogie Woogie Prayer (Ammons and Others).... Mende Lux Lewis,

Pete Johnson and Albert Ammons; Vocal—Love's Melody (film 'Dreams come true').

So Must Our Love Remain (film 'Dreams come true').... Frances Day with Orchestra; Vocal and Piano—A New Song (Hickforth);

Leslie Hutchinson with Orchestra; Humorous—Ain't It Gorgeous (Western).... The Western Brothers;

Dance Band—Military Fox-Trot Medley, Intro: The King's Horses; The Toy Drum Major; When the

Guards are on Parade.... The Key-boarders (Two Pianos and Drums).

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 More Variety.

Comedian—The Old Oak Tree (Miller), Put It Down (Miller).... Max Miller; Sketch—The Cure (Hiccupha).... Cleely Courtnidge and Jack Hulbert, assisted by Laurence Green and Cecil Dixon; American Duetists—The Old Covered Bridge (Billy Hill), Night on the Water (Clarke and Others).... Layton and Johnstone with Piano; Comedienne—Women in Love (Rutherford and Wilcock), A Perfect Lady (Pherns and Gwyn).... Doris Palmer with Piano; Comedian—Backscratcher (Miller).... Max Miller with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Recital by Mr. Y. K. Sze (Bass) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Three Schubert Songs; (a) Du bist die Ruh; (b) Der Wanderer; (c) Wohin.... Mr. Y. K. Sze (Bass) with Piano; 2. Piano Solo—Selected.... E. O'Neill Shaw; 3. Two Schumann Songs; (a) Ich Grolle Nicht; (b) Die Beiden Grenadiere.... Mr. Y. K. Sze (Bass) with Piano.

8.30 Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 3: Congreve.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S. J.

8.50 Josef Strauss—The Music of the Spheres.

Felix Weingartner conducting Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: To Talk of Many Things.

9.45 Musical Comedy—"Yes Madam".

Bobby Howes, Binnie Hale and Company.

10.20 Rite da Costa at the Piano.

10.30 Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

11.00 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says.

The market continues firm with sellers holding out for higher levels.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,270
Canton Ins. \$185
Docks (old) \$16.50
Provident \$4.80
Lands \$21.50
Trams \$16.70
Yau-mat Ferry \$22.25
Lights (old) C.D. \$6.65
Electric (old) \$38.25
Telephones (old) \$24.50
Telephones (new) \$9.75
Cements \$17.25
Ropes \$6.10
Watsons \$9.65
Wm. Powells \$1.80
Entertainments \$6.60
Constructions (old) \$1.60

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,275
Union Ins. \$392.4

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,478,133.10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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never mind how; in any case, the man is now out of the country. He might have earned a good deal more money, but he got nervous. I must now give it to you," and he pushed across the table a sheet of paper on which were some typewritten figures.

She turned away as if the sight nauseated her.

"I won't touch it, you can't force me."

The man, whose face was still obscured, now spoke more sharply.

"I myself have a safe," he said, pointing to a corner of the room; "in that safe are certain letters which you wrote to me many years ago. It is true that at the time you were little more than a schoolgirl, filled with high-falutin' romantic ideas, and that you imagined you were in love with me, but I scarcely think, Lady Maltby, that your husband would take such a wide view of the situation if those letters were posted to him. Do you?"

The vision which the words conjured up made her clasp the arms of the chair convulsively.

"Even you wouldn't do a thing like that?" she whispered incredulously; for although she now knew this man to be unscrupulous, yet such utter infamy was almost beyond her imagining.

"I shall be forced to do so, Lady Maltby, unless you bring to me here, to-morrow night, all the papers that you find in your husband's safe. I have my duty to do and I intend to do it."

The woman he was threatening started to scream; it was this scream that stifled the sound of a soufflé outside the room.

"And now I will ring for my servant to show you out. Pull yourself together," he added harshly. His hand went out to a bell-push on the desk in front of him. As though the man outside had been anticipating the summons, the door opened. "Oh, Graves," said his master; "this lady will require a taxi. What do you say?"

The last word was sharply ejaculated. In what seemed the same instant, the speaker, flung open a drawer in his desk.

"Keep the gun where it is, Herr Muller," snapped back a voice. "Your servant, Graves, has met with a slight accident; as a matter of fact he is not feeling very well at the moment; he has lost several teeth and is unconscious."

"Then, what?"
"It's a fair question," drawled the intruder, "but as we have been warned not to give away secrets, I had better perhaps content myself with saying that I work for a certain Department of British Intelligence. Yes, British Intelligence, you say? That conveys something to you, I hope? Get out of that chair and put your hands up. Up, I said, and I meant it—there's no pleasure life could give me so satisfying as plugging you with all six barrels of this gun," patting the barrel of the revolver he held in his right hand. "And you're going to leave here just as you are; no hat or coat..... come on!"

AGAIN LADY ISABEL MALTBY WENT TO A SECRET RENDEZVOUS, but this time she had no fear; the few words she had heard over the telephone had persuaded her on this point. In a corner of the tea lounge of a third-rate Knightsbridge hotel, a tall athletic looking man with a reassuring grin on his nicely-ugly face, greeted her.

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She looked at him intently. "Yes, you're the man who rescued me from..... Muller," her voice dropping at the mention of the hated name. "How can I thank you?"

"I should thank you, I think," he replied, reassuringly; "being in the

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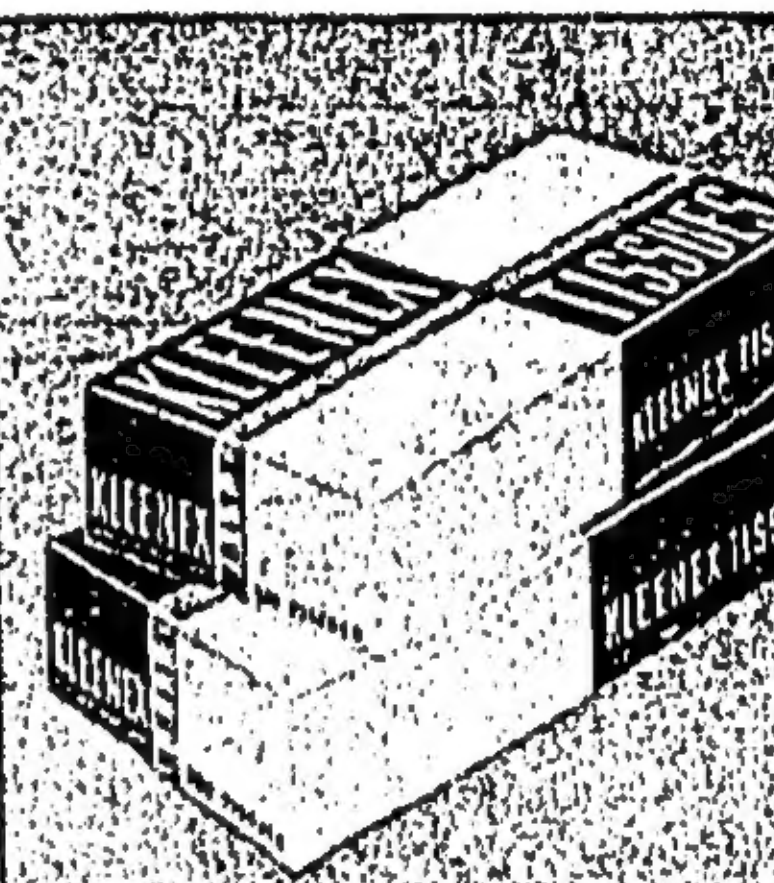
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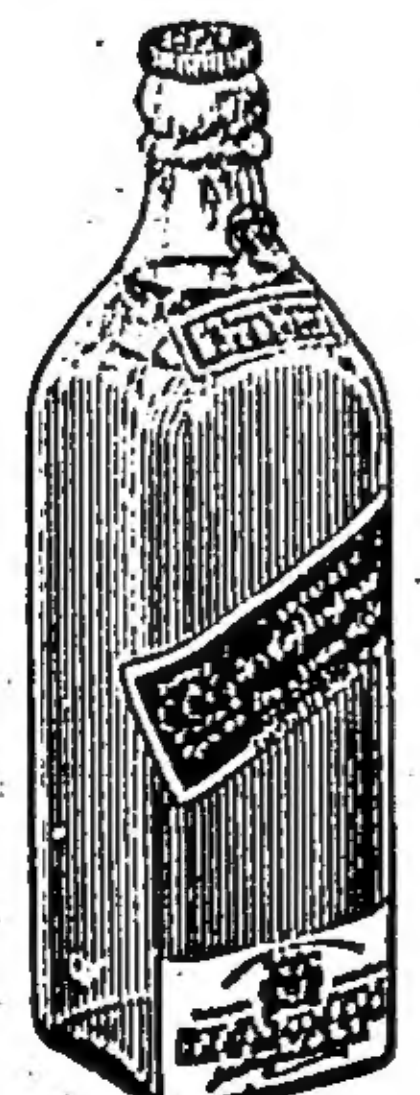
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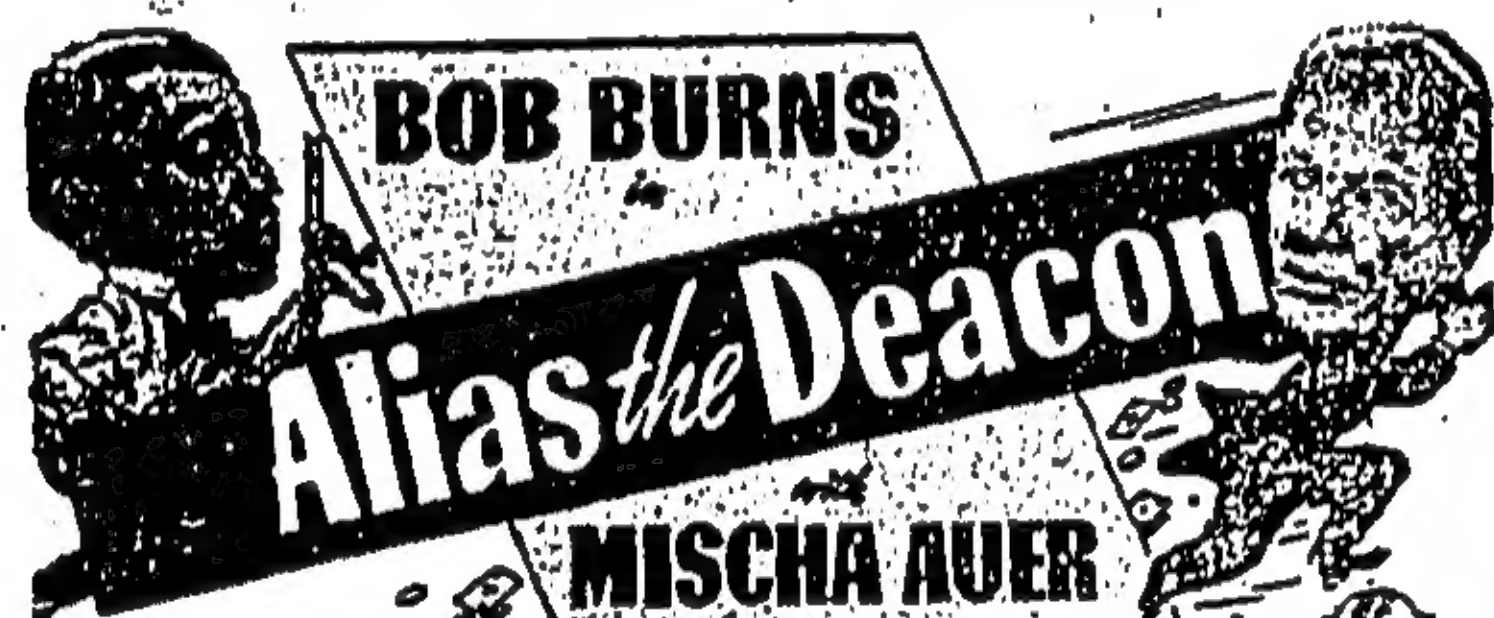
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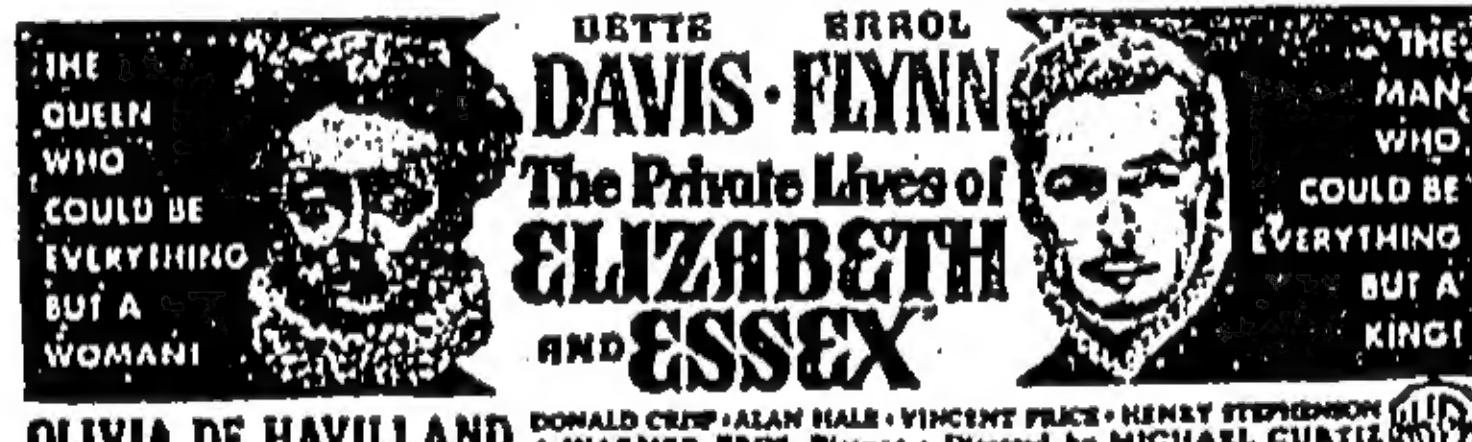
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Badminton Competitions At V.R.C.

BADMINTON competitions at the Victoria Recreation Club will soon be under way. Draws for the Singles Handicap, the Mixed Doubles Handicap and the "Allam" Cup were made yesterday and resulted as follows:
Singles Handicap (Tuesdays)—Marques (Scr.) bye into Second Round—C. L. Huang (4-3) v. N. A. Gutierrez (Scr.); Remedios (4-3) v. N. A. Gutierrez (Scr.); A. A. Noronha (3-2) v. N. A. Gutierrez (Scr.); D. Ribeiro (3-2) v. A. K. Hummahn (Scr.); R. J. Reed (Scr.) v. L. A. Barros (Scr.); and M. de V. Soares (Scr.) v. A. Zimern (Scr.).
"Allam" Cup (Mondays)—N. A. Gutierrez and L. A. Barros v. A. Gutierrez v. A. K. Hummahn and G. Asabe; J. Souza v. Marques; R. D. Maxwell, Dr. Ribeiro and G. Brown v. F. A. Castro and J. Neves; D. M. de V. Soares and L. A. Barros v. O. el Arculli and M. J. Jaffer; W. A. Gutierrez and A. K. Hummahn (Scr.) v. A. Noronha and A. L. Rocha (Scr.).
Mixed Doubles Handicap (Wednesdays)—S. A. Hummahn and Miss L. Curreen (4-3) v. D. Ribeiro and A. A. Gutierrez (Scr.); A. A. Barros and Miss J. M. Soares (Scr.) v. J. Marques and Miss A. Sequeira (Scr.); A. A. Noronha and Miss J. M. Soares (Scr.) v. L. A. Rocha and Miss J. M. Soares (Scr.); and D. Ribeiro and A. K. Hummahn (Scr.) v. A. K. Hummahn and Miss J. Anderson (Scr.).

Sportsman Defined At Referees' Meeting

The definition of a sportsman as contained in the handbook of the Army Football Association was read to the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association by Mr. W. H. Foster last night, with the suggestion that it be posted in every dressing room.
The definition stated that a sportsman was one who played the game for the sake of the game and not for himself, was a good loser and a good winner, was modest in victory and glorious in defeat and accepted all decisions in the proper spirit.
Mr. Foster added that if the whole world were posted with a copy of it, he thought, he would make it a better place in which to live.
Mr. H. Beard, who was in the chair at the meeting, introduced the gathering to Mr. T. G. Stokes who, he pointed out, had been a referee in Hongkong for many years and had acted as Chairman of the Referees' Association.
Mr. Foster spoke on the Army Football Association constitution and the work it did and referred to the poor reporting of local football.
Reference to football pools in Hongkong was made by the Chairman who pointed out that referees, linesmen and officials were liable to suspension if found participating in them.

First Aid Course

Open Lectures In Chinese

Provided sufficient candidates are forthcoming, a course of lectures in First Aid to the Injured, in Chinese, will be given by Dr. Shi Man-wai at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, commencing on Friday, December 13, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Those wishing to join this class should forward their names immediately to the Secretary, St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade, for enrolment.
The lectures are open to the general public, and are specially recommended to anyone desiring to join the Brigade, either as an ordinary member or as a member of the A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserve of the Brigade.

LATE NEWS

Britain's Record War Spending

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Britain is now spending £12,876,000 daily on the war—a record figure. Exchequer returns for the last week issued to-day show that during that period supplies and services cost £90,134,000 compared with the £72,350,000 of the previous week, a daily increase of over 2½ million sterling.

GROUNDING H.K. SHIP REFLOATED

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standing by ready to give assistance.
The tug Henry Keswick was promptly sent from the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, but according to the message received by the local agents the ship was re-floated before the arrival of the tug, possibly under her own power.

Extent of Damage Unknown

There is no indication as yet whether the ship is returning to Hongkong or proceeding to Hongkong, where she was bound for to load coal, having left Hongkong on Monday. Nor is there any information to hand as to the extent of the damage. Further news is expected by the agents during the course of the day.
There are believed to be about five European members of the crew on board the Hellenic-Trade which is of 3,000 tons deadweight. The ship was not carrying either cargo or passengers at the time of the accident.
Formerly under the Greek flag, being owned by the Greek Consul in Shanghai, the vessel is now under charter to the Tai Yau Steamship Company, Hongkong.

NO MAJOR FIGHTING

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Bangkok claims that a French Mekong river boat was sunk is officially denied.

Fifth Columnists

The French are paying attention to native fifth columnists and are there fore taking advantage of the lull in Cochinchina in an effort to make a complete clean-up.
A Thai pilot and observer were captured at a Cambodian airfield near the border before they landed unconsciously, pulling a Wrenway "Corridor" stunt. Despite the seriousness of the situation, the French jokingly said that they might be invaded by squadrons of Thailand armoured elephants.

R.A.F. PLANES HARASS ITALIANS

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sloping down to the lake while the Greeks have taken up positions only 300 yards away.
"Another United Press" correspondent with the Greek advance forces "somewhere on the Epirus coastal sector" telegraphed stating that the Greeks are deep into Albania and that the heavy snowfall is continuing. In the heights where the Greek Evzones have forced and taken each Italian Alpine force singly, the weather is cold and terrible, the correspondent said.

Marseilles Incident

Madrid, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The British Government's reply to the French protest against the alleged bombing of Marseilles is reported to have been handed by Sir Samuel Hoare, British Envoy here, to the French Ambassador.

Gold From Portugal

Not German Seizures

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—An allegation that the heavy exports of gold from Portugal to the United States may include bullion seized by Germany in occupied countries, was implied by a questioner in the House of Commons.

The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. R. Dalton (Lab.), stated that a strict watch was being kept on all such shipments and if he had any reason to believe that any consignment was German property he would not hesitate to take the necessary action.

Recalcitrant French

Hideoous Nazi Threats

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—The Germans are finding it very difficult to get the French to co-operate with them as they would like. The Lyons radio yesterday warned the French people that unless they collaborate the whole of France will be occupied, the 2,000,000 French prisoners will be kept in German concentration camps for life and the youth of France will be deported to break stones on German roads.

SUBMARINE BASE ATTACKED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. bombers last night re-attacked the submarine base at Lorient.

British Cabinet Decisions

Dominions Not To Be Told
LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—For war-time purposes, the British Government is departing from its previous invariable practice of sending all important Cabinet decisions to all the Dominions.
The Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne, indicated that such communications are not being made to Elire.
The assurance was given in response to questions that "There are no German or Italian Legations in Dublin in constant touch with Rome or Berlin."

\$8,000,000 Contributed To Spitfire Funds

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuter).—Credit for an "£8,000,000" idea goes to the editor of a West Indies newspaper—the "Jamaica Gleaner."
As a mark of gratitude to the R.A.F. fighters' prowess in sweeping the skies of German raiders and squashing the projected invasion of Britain, the newspaper opened a fund to present new Spitfires to the R.A.F.
The idea has spread throughout Britain and the Empire with such rapidity that a Government spokesman to-day was able to inform the House of Commons that over £8,000,000 had already been contributed or promised. Amid cheers, he expressed his appreciation.

60 SHIPS TO BE BUILT IN U.S.A.

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again on Monday night had a dose of British bombs.
While this is going on the United States is selling us shipping already in service and building new ships for us.
Britain meanwhile is making the best use of the tonnage she has and is doing without non-essentials to make more space for shipments of munitions and other war materials.

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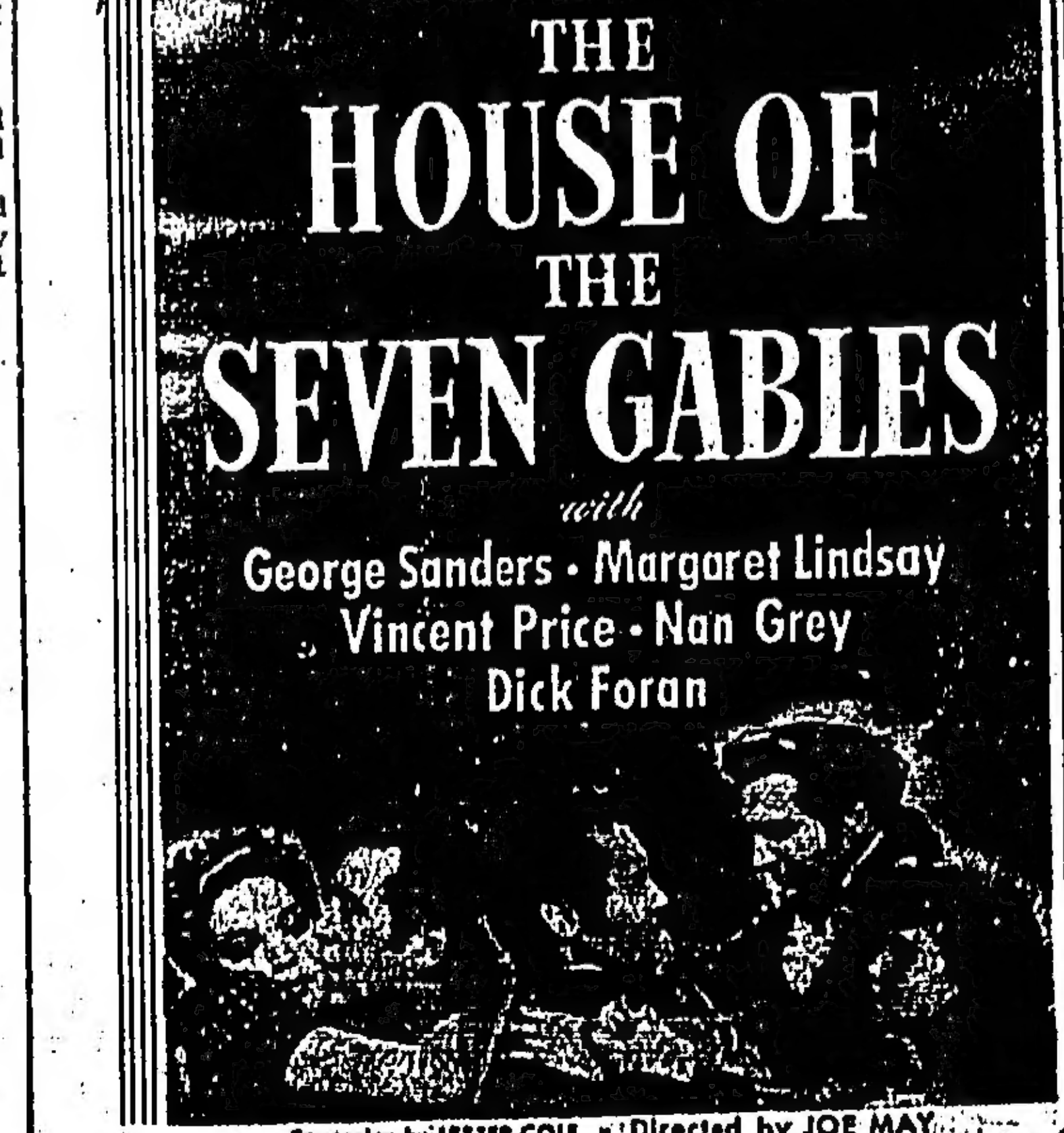
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